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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

AT

*Denver, Colorado, July 25 and 26, 1883,*

AND

PROCEEDINGS



OF THE

SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

*Minneapolis, Minn., July 23, 24 and 25, 1884.*

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# WAR RELIEF COMMISSION

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE DISTRESS OF THE PEOPLE

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First National President, 1883-1884

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# REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

## OF THE

# WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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DENVER, COL., July 25, 1883.

PURSUANT to an invitation from Paul Van Der Voort, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which had been extended to all the various Ladies' Auxiliaries to the Grand Army of the Republic all over the country, a meeting was held in Denver, Col., July 25 and 26, 1883, to perfect the organization of a National Order that should embrace within its membership the loyal women of every State, who were willing to unite in a Fraternity whose object should be to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in all its works of charity, and in every possible way alleviate the distress or suffering of any needy veteran soldier or sailor of the war of the Rebellion.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. K. Stimson of Denver, in an address of welcome to the visiting delegates, and it was decided to effect a temporary organization by the election of a President and Secretary of the convention.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. E. Florence Barker, of Malden, Mass., President of the Union Board Woman's Relief Corps, was invited to preside. Mrs. Barker accepted the position with thanks, and invited the ladies to unite in devotional exercises, led by Mrs. S. E. Fuller, of East Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Barker then declared the meeting opened for business, and called for nominations for a Secretary of the Convention. The name of Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood was offered, and that lady was unanimously elected; but as she was not in the hall, Mrs. Clark, of Ohio, was invited to act until the arrival of Mrs. Sherwood.

The first regular business was a motion offered by Mrs. Sherwood that the meeting be opened as a "committee of the whole." Carried.

Short addresses were then made by Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Hugg of New Jersey, Mrs. Charles, and others, on the practicability of forming a national organization. It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Hugg, to limit the speeches to five minutes. Mrs. Charles, of Washington, D. C., spoke against admitting any woman who was not of kin to a soldier or sailor who took part in the Rebellion. Time was called,





but it was voted to extend the time, and the lady proceeded to read letters from different parties, until time was again called.

Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort and members of his staff being announced as waiting in the anteroom, Mrs. L. A. Turner, of Boston, was invited to introduce the guests. After they were received, Mrs. Barker called on Commander Van Der Voort for some remarks, and he replied in a speech at once eloquent and timely, urging the ladies to organize in a spirit of harmony and good-will. Chaplain-in-Chief Foster, Comrade Houghton, Commander Department New Jersey, and Col. Hazzard also offered words of encouragement to the ladies assembled.

Upon the retirement of the Comrades, the business of the meeting was resumed, when it was moved by Mrs. Sherwood that we form a national organization on the basis of the Massachusetts work. The motion being seconded and stated, the President called for a division of the question, and debate followed on the first part of the motion, when the question was called, and declared carried unanimously.

Question then arose on the plan of representation, and on motion, it was decided to allow each State to have two votes, Mrs. Barker to represent New Hampshire; Mrs. Fuller, Massachusetts; Mrs. Turner, Connecticut; and Mrs. I. S. Bangs, Maine.

It was also voted, that the several delegations present should elect from their number two to act as delegates.

Moved to adjourn to 10 A. M., Thursday. Carried.

## SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, July 26.

Meeting called to order pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock; President Mrs. Barker in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

*Voted*, That a Committee on Credentials be appointed; and President appointed as that committee, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. McNeir. After examining the credentials presented, the committee reported twenty-six votes represented.

*Voted*, To invite Mrs. I. S. Bangs, the wife of the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, of Waterville, Me., to represent that State.

Motion was offered by Mrs. Fuller that, as each State was to have two representatives, that we also elect a delegate at large. Carried, and Mrs. Fuller offered the name of Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood as delegate at large, which was unanimously carried, thus giving twenty-eight votes to the convention.

Mrs. Sherwood then moved the second division of previous question be taken from the table. Carried.

The question now before the convention being that the National Order be formed on the basis of the Massachusetts work, and an earnest debate

followed. Mrs. Barker stated at length the action of the Union Board, and also the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, in sending delegates to Denver, and also read from the rules and regulations. Mrs. Fuller was called to read the different papers of the Massachusetts work. President called for an informal ballot of all present on the eligibility question, and thirty-five ladies rose in favor of loyal women, and sixteen opposed. Before taking the vote, Mrs. McNeir, of Camden, N. J., desired to present the work of the Loyal Ladies League, but the Chair ruled that while the present question was before the house, no other motion could be entertained.

The question being called, President called for an ay and no vote, and Secretary reported sixteen in favor, and twelve opposed, and the motion that the National Order be formed on the basis of the Massachusetts work prevailed.

Mrs. McNeir, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Charles spoke on the character of some of the papers as now adopted, and offered some suggestions relating thereto.

At this point the announcement was made that the ladies were specially invited to witness the installation of the national officers of the Grand Army of the Republic; and it was moved by Mrs. Hugg that we adjourn till 3 P. M. Carried.

The ladies then proceeded to the Tabor Opera House, where the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was in session. After a short delay, Comrade Geo. S. Evans, Department Commander of Massachusetts, announced that a resolution recognizing the National Woman's Relief Corps had been adopted, and the ladies were admitted, and Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Bangs, and some others were escorted to seats on the platform. At the conclusion of the installation service, Commander-in-Chief Beath, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Warner, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Holmes, Chaplain-in-Chief Foster, Past Commander-in-Chief Geo. S. Merrill of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander J. G. B. Adams of Massachusetts, Past Commander-in-Chief Logan, and others gave the most encouraging words to the new National auxiliary.

In response to repeated calls, Mrs. Barker made a few remarks, assuring the Comrades they should never regret their indorsement of the Order who had this day pledged themselves that no Comrade should want the common necessities of life.

### THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Meeting called to order at four o'clock by the President. Minutes of morning meeting read and approved. The question of eligibility again coming up, it was voted, on motion of Mrs. L. A. Turner, that it be left to Departments to decide for the next year.

Reports of a Committee on Resolutions approved.

local press for kind favors received. On motion of Mrs. Fuller, it was voted to accept the rules and regulations governing the Union Board. It was also voted to assess a *per capita* tax of twenty-four cents-a year per member, payable to National Headquarters in equal quarterly instalments, by Corps in States where no Departments are formed, and that Departments return a tax of two cents per member, quarterly, to National Headquarters, one cent of which should be paid as salary to National Secretary.

It was also voted that a tax of one dollar be levied upon members present who join as charter members of the Woman's Relief Corps at Denver. On motion of Mrs. Charles, it was voted to hold the annual National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps at same time and in same town or city as the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Election of officers being the next business in order, it was voted to dispense with written ballots and elect by *viva voce*, and the following officers were duly elected:—

*National President*, Mrs. E. Florence Barker, Malden, Mass.

" *Senior Vice-President*, Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Toledo, Ohio.

" *Junior Vice-President*, Mrs. E. K. Stimson, Denver, Col.

" *Secretary*, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, East Boston, Mass.

" *Treasurer*, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Boston, Mass.

" *Inspector*, Mrs. Emily Gardner, Denver, Col.

" *Chaplain*, Mrs. Mattie B. Moulton, Laconia, N. H.

" *Conductor*, Mrs. P. S. Runyan, Warsaw, Ind.

" *Guard*, Mrs. J. W. Beatson, Rockford, Ill.

" *Corresponding Secretaries*, Mrs. M. J. Telford, Denver, Col.;  
Mrs. Ellen Pay, Topeka, Kan.

Mrs. Barker was invited to install the newly elected officers, except the President, and Mrs. Fuller was invited to install the President, and that service was duly performed.

The President and Secretary were appointed as the Printing Committee to serve one year.

The question of badges was presented, and it was voted to appoint a committee of five to prepare and issue a uniform badge. President appointed Mrs. Fuller, and it was voted that lady should name her associates on the committee, and the names of Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Moulton, Mrs. Stimson were then presented and the same appointed.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Sons of Liberty, who had kindly furnished the use of their fine hall for our meetings.

A motion was then offered to adjourn, and it was carried. Approved.

MRS. KATE B. SHERWOOD,  
*Secretary.*  
MRS. S. E. FULLER,  
*Assistant Secretary.*





**PAUL VAN DER VOORT**

Past Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic and  
Honorary Member of the Woman's Relief Corps

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Died July 29, 1902



SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

HELD AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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OPENING DAY.

RECEPTION TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND STAFF,  
AND OTHER PROMINENT COMRADES OF THE GRAND  
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., July 22, 1884.

On Tuesday morning, July 23, the Woman's Relief Corps established headquarters in parlor No. 1, in the West Hotel, where all the National officers and many of the delegates from abroad were staying.

By ten o'clock the parlors were filled by the local Relief Corps and other friends from the city, and scores of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, eager to pay their greetings and respects. Among those received were Gen. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort, Commander-in-Chief Beath, Senior Vice Commander Warner of Missouri, Junior Vice Commander Holmes of California, and members of the Department, and Commanders of the several States. Mrs. Kate C. Wright, President of the George N. Morgan Corps, Mrs. J. M. Marshall, President of the Washburn Corps, Mrs. Mary M. Cook, President of the Levi Butler Corps, and many of the members from each of the local societies, paid their respects to the National officers, and assisted them in receiving the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The forenoon was spent in a pleasant reunion. In the course of the morning it was decided to hold the open meeting at Curtiss Hall, at four in the afternoon, that being the only session to which the Commander-in-Chief and Comrades could be present. In response to invitations, about two hundred ladies met in Curtiss Hall, which had been beautifully decorated with flags and evergreens by the ladies of the George N. Morgan Corps.

The National President, Mrs. Florence E. Barker, of Malden, Mass., was introduced, and received from the members the graceful military salute. After formally introducing Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, of Boston, the Secretary,

and Mrs. L. A. Turner of Boston, Treasurer, the following committees were appointed by the Chair:—

*On Reception.*—Mrs. Kate C. Wright, Mrs. J. M. Marshall, and Mrs. Mary M. Cook, Presidents of the three local Corps.

*On Credentials.*—Mrs. Beedle, Massachusetts; Mrs. Young, Ohio; Mrs. Anderson, Kansas.

*On Reports of Officers.*—Mrs. Bergen, Ohio; Mrs. Merrill, Nebraska; Mrs. Nichols, New York; Mrs. Goodale, Massachusetts; Mrs. Holthouse, Pennsylvania.

Credentials were presented by the several State Departments, and referred to Committee on Credentials.

At this point, Conductor Mrs. Goodale announced the arrival of the Ohio delegation and other members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Three taps of the gavel brought the ladies to their feet, and Past Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort and the Department Commanders of Ohio, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, and many others were formally introduced, and received from the convention the courtesy of the military salute.

The President's brief welcome to Commander Van Der Voort was full of strong feeling and thankfulness to him as the one who first instituted the call for the National organization of the ladies' societies, and always thereafter warmly contributed to its success. Commander Van Der Voort and the Department officers were given seats upon the platform, when the President called upon Mrs. Goodale, Department President of Massachusetts, to explain the significance of the gavel she had the honor to wield. Mrs. Goodale stated that the wood of which this gavel was made was once a part of the stockade of the Andersonville Prison, and was brought thence by the Rev. J. F. Lovering of Worcester, Mass., a devoted friend of the Woman's Relief Corps, and presented to the Massachusetts Department.

Commander Van Der Voort responded to a call for a speech, by saying that when he lay a prisoner at Andersonville, he little thought that he should see the day that the timber of that prison would be used as the signal for order in such an association as this. He reviewed the formation of the National Order (which, he maintained, the needs of the hour demanded as much as they did the womanly sacrifices made in the days of lint picking and hospital nursing, nearly a quarter of a century ago), from the inception of the movement a year ago, and declared that in one short year the Woman's Relief Corps had attained a success only second to the Grand Army of the Republic. "He thought that eligibility was wisely based on personal loyalty, and not on a woman's relation to the soldier, and predicted that the mission of the organization would grow as the veterans of the war advanced toward decrepitude.

Commander Van Der Voort was enthusiastically applauded, and was followed by Past Commander of Massachusetts and President of the

organized in Massachusetts, and could testify to their work in that State, which he did by the warmest indorsement of the Order.

The Illinois delegation was here introduced and received with marked respect. A telegram of congratulations was read from I. S. Bangs of Maine, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, after which the President requested the Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Sherwood, to testify as to the success of the work in Ohio, where there had been the greatest opposition to the secret organization. Mrs. Sherwood stated that Ohio had now fifty-four Corps, and most gracefully conceded her entire conversion to the advisability of a secret organization, since a new life had been infused into the auxiliaries by this change.

Conductor Mrs. Goodale here introduced Mrs. Beath, wife of Commander-in-Chief Beath, who was most cordially welcomed and invited to a seat at the right of the President. Following were Commander-in-Chief Beath of Pennsylvania, Senior Vice-Commander Warner of Missouri, and Junior Vice-Commander Holmes of California, and Past Département Commander Kountz of Ohio. The National President then presented her address, which was finely delivered and contained much valuable information regarding the history of the Order and its future prospects. The address was listened to with marked attention, often eliciting hearty applause from Comrades and ladies.

### ADDRESS OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

#### MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

I bid you welcome to this, our first annual meeting, and I trust every delegate will realize the importance of the occasion and give her utmost attention to the work devolving upon us. Almost strangers, we are called upon to unite in the earnest work of the hour, to so perfect the work we have taken up that the grandest results for the veterans we have pledged ourselves to aid and sustain may be obtained, and make our organization worthy the endorsement of the Comrades.

When by your suffrages one year ago you placed the office of President in my charge, I told you I had no words of thanks to return for the honor you had conferred upon me. Realizing fully the responsibility of the office, knowing somewhat the demands that would be made on my ability, aware of "breakers ahead," I felt like a strange pilot, removed from the harbor I knew so well, and placed in a strange port, without chart or map, — only a compass to guide me. And to successfully put out of this strange harbor into the open sea, where only the most perfect ships can sail, do you wonder I thought only of the responsibility?

To-day I return to thank you not alone for the position, but that you have, by your assistance and active co-operation, made the record of the past year one to be proud of, and that our success far exceeds the high anticipations of our most sanguine friends.



Our compass pointing to work, faith and love,—the trinity of the Woman's Relief Corps,—which has wrought this measure, full of the heart-work of woman, commends itself to your favorable consideration.

My desire has been in my address to give you the history of the Woman's Relief Corps; but that I cannot properly do in the short space of time I may occupy during this session.

The date of the first membership I cannot ascertain; still, while there are doubts of the membership of Mother Eve, immediately following her were members of the Relief Corps.

During the war while our fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and lovers went forth at our country's call to battle for her in her hour of dire distress, the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and loyal women also went forth to organize "Christian Commissions," "Sanitary Commissions," and other relief societies, to render such assistance as to well merit the title of auxiliary.

In every city, town and hamlet they were found ministering by their loving care to the soldiers in our hospitals, forwarding stores, that in a great measure rendered the work of relief to the wounded more successful, writing letters containing words of encouragement to the soldier, who, passing through hours of anxiety, trial, suffering and discouragement, hailed these messages as one who has exhausted his own strength and looked in this hour to have his hands upheld. How powerful the influence! Who can measure the power of woman's pen in our late war? It must, indeed, be counted with that of the sword: they can only be valued together.

This sacred duty bound them together with ties of friendship kin to those born of camp, march and battle; and when our soldiers had accomplished their work, returned to their homes, laid down their arms, returned to the State authorities their precious flags,—soiled, defaced, but how dear to the veterans!—and become private citizens, the Relief Corps was not mustered out.

From camp to home, from soldier to citizen, was a long leap. Many fell by the wayside, the years of war telling upon them. Without employment, home or means of support, their condition would have been sad indeed if women again had not taken up the work and established temporary homes. Added to these were the widows and children of our "nation's dead," hundreds in helpless condition, with no claim save upon those who had pledged themselves to care for the widowed and fatherless, with assistance of those who had watched the sacrifice of their protectors on many a far-off field of blood.

"The love of woman for the soldiers was the crowning glory of the war," said the past Commander-in-Chief. I trust our record will prove as bright in care for his orphan and widow.

Searching the records of the Grand Army of the Republic, I find that as early as 1870, at the Fourth Annual Convention, reference was made to



Statements were made that there seemed to be a general desire that some grade should be established to show their service: also stating that in several Departments the "Clara Barton" Degree had already been established. This was recommended by F. A. Starring, Inspector-General. On resolutions of Comrade Emory of Massachusetts, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of the same. Again, at the Fifth Annual Convention, was the subject taken up, and a prospectus presented looking to the establishment of a permanent organization of kin to soldiers interested in the cause.

At the Seventh Encampment the establishment of Clara Barton Degree was discussed, but not recommended when referred to committee.

During this time the ladies had not been silent. All over the land "Ladies' League," "Loyal Ladies," "Relief Corps," and other auxiliaries were established, all working in the interest of the soldiers, rendering valuable assistance to the Comrades in their work of aiding the unfortunates reverently, in true fraternity, gathering from reluctant lips the wants of those who to care for is the glorious mission of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliaries.

During the administration of Gen. Horace Binney Sargent as Department Commander of Massachusetts a movement towards forming a permanent organization of the different auxiliaries in Massachusetts was instigated by Assistant Adjt.-Gen. James F. Meech. Securing the co-operation of the ladies of Fitchburg, Mass., an invitation was issued to every auxiliary in the State to hold a convention at the above-named place. This resulted in the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, 1879. In the following year, the ladies of New Hampshire united with those of Massachusetts, and the organization of the Union Board was effected, composed of the Department officers of each Department.

In 1882, Corps were organized in Connecticut, and a strong effort made to interest the ladies in Maine, already organized, to unite with us; but nothing of importance was accomplished.

At the Fourteenth Annual Encampment the subject of woman's work was again agitated, resulting in the appointment of a committee, consisting of Comrades J. F. Lovering, George Bowers, and B. Crabb, to carefully consider the subject, and report at the next Encampment.

At the Fifteenth Encampment, held in Indianapolis, 1881, the following resolutions were reported by the committee and adopted:—

*"Resolved, That we approve of the project entertained of organizing a 'Woman's National Relief Corps.'*

*"Resolved, That such 'Woman's Relief Corps' may use, under such title, the words 'Auxiliary to the G.A.R.' by special indorsement of the National Encampment of the G.A.R.*

*"JUNE 15, 1881."*

During the Annual Convention, 1883, W.R.C. Department, Massachusetts, Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort visited the convention, and in most emphatic terms indorsed the work, complimenting the ladies on their earnest endeavors for the soldier, assuring the ladies the ambition of his administration was that a national organization should be perfected. This was followed by General Order No. 11, inviting all ladies interested to meet at Denver and form a national organization.

In response to this invitation, extended to every auxiliary in the Union, as far as known, sixteen States were represented. After some preliminaries the work of organization was taken up. Very earnest remarks were made by Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort, Chaplain-in-Chief Foster, Gen. Hazard of Pennsylvania, and Comrade Houghton of New Jersey, and on motion of Kate B. Sherwood, of Ohio, it was unanimously voted to organize as a Woman's National Relief Corps.

With twenty-six different organizations represented, I think the result gained very complimentary to woman's legislation; and I cannot refrain from complimenting Mrs. Sherwood, the pioneer in the national work, for the position she took on that occasion; preferring, as she said, open work, she gracefully waived a point in the interest of harmony, and advised those preferring open meeting to submit to the testimony of those having already the example of secret ritual work. Thus, thanks to her endeavors, was one point of wide difference overcome. Had the same spirit pervaded the hearts of all, our success would have been more complete.

The question of loyal ladies involved a spirited debate. The work of Massachusetts had already been adopted, and unlimited membership the basis of organization. New Jersey, the only State Department represented besides Massachusetts, stated that until our next convention they could not join us, as they came instructed *not* to join the National Convention if that measure prevailed. Here occurred what many have termed a great mistake. I cannot yet concede it was. Here was a sister State desiring to unite, they informed us, but unable on account of instructions received from their Department. Knowing of their good work and earnest efforts, the delegates from Massachusetts felt that now was her hour. Having received the compliment of adoption by the convention of Massachusetts work, she could do something to unite these ladies; and from a loyal woman having no kith or kin in the service, Mrs. L. A. Turner, came the motion "to permit Departments to decide this question for the following year," thereby giving the Department of New Jersey an opportunity to unite with us. I think the *result* was the mistake, not the *resolution*.

After this concession, which they acknowledge was most graceful, they still stand aloof.

Massachusetts is as firm on the question of loyal ladies as ever. Facts have proved beyond a doubt that to-day she owes her success to loyal



1861-65 gave aid to families left with limited means while the father or husband marched away to save his country. Then, the loyal people of the country were as brothers caring for the family at home, doing all they could to aid, encourage, and sustain their brothers in the field. Not *all* the loyal men were soldiers, not every loyal woman a soldier's wife.

We are told that, as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, we should follow them, limit our membership to their wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters. I have never heard the idea advanced that we should limit our membership to the wives of soldiers who were such during the war; neither have I ever heard of the Grand Army of the Republic's admitting their fathers and brothers unless they were also soldiers. This important question should receive our most careful consideration. *First*, let us remember we are banded together to *assist* the Grand Army of the Republic. *Second*, let us remember that from the soldier alone came not all the sacrifice; many a brave woman's duty in the hospital — yes, in the march and in the field — would compare in deeds of valor with that of the soldier. To-day, many a soldier in the gratitude of his heart, testifies to the value of women as nurses during the war.

You tell me we will give them an honorary membership. But, my friends, there is another contestant for our consideration. Having disposed of the nurses, what shall we do with the maiden through whose veins coursed the same proud blood, in whose heart was the same love of freedom as in that of her true, manly lover's; who with white lips and almost breaking heart, folded away the wedding garments, making her sacrifice in the silent chamber while she prayed for strength to go forth to bid her all good-bye, and charge him to remember her prayers were following amid shot and shell, the bravest soldier in the land,— and,

"That thus of our noble country  
We'll both be worthy. Let her show  
The future how we made her free,  
Not sparing home nor life,  
Nor this . . . this heart break?"

So did she impart strength to him, making him a better soldier, a truer man.

And who of us cannot turn back to those days of trial and see this picture from life :—

"The beautiful youth,  
The heart of honor, the tongue of truth,  
He the light and life of us all,  
Whose voice was blithe as a bugle's call,  
Whom all eyes followed with one consent,  
The cheer of whose laugh, and whose pleasant words,  
Hushed all murmurs of discontent?"

What soldier cannot remember the sequel? When those loving letters were welcome as sunshine, and no false pride kept the soldier from allow-

ing his comrades to know how he was blessed. And then can he recall the following day's work,—the result,—the duty that was his, to return to the maiden her messages of love, and tell her of the bullet's fatal work?

“And see in a vision how far and fleet  
That fatal bullet went speeding forth  
Till it reached a town in the distant North,  
Till it reached a house in a sunny street,  
Till it reached a heart that ceased to beat  
Without a murmur, without a cry;  
And a bell was tolled in that far-off town  
For one who had passed from cross to crown;  
And the neighbors wondered that she should die.”

To die? Ah, no! Though death would have been a welcome guest, yet, bereft of all that makes life less than a burden, she must go on with her unfinished work, oh, yes!

“Heroic males the country bears:  
But daughters give up more than sons;  
Flags wave, drums beat, and unawares  
You flash your souls out with the guns  
And take your heaven at once!”

“But we— we empty heart and home  
Of life's life, love: we bear to think  
You've gone . . . to feel you may not come,  
To hear the door-latch stir and clink,  
Yet no more you . . . nor sink ”

And now when, so purified as by fire, she comes to our doors, asking leave to work with us for her lover's comrades, under shield of the letters which the death of her hero and such as he made possible, we ignore her past, ask had you a husband in the war? Her heart answers yes! but lips must say, No; the man of God had not joined our hands; God himself had wedded our hearts.

Shall we say, Stand aside: you are not worthy; we have only honors enough to extend over the wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of our heroes, and, unless ranked among those, you cannot work under our banner to relieve those you may be united to by their common sorrow? It would seem now, if ever, were the time and place to exemplify the glorious three-fold watchword, to exemplify *charity* in recognizing her loyalty by extending to her our Fraternity. So while we enjoy the blessings of our returned soldier, install her among us in the honored place of the soldiers' friends. Fearing not to trust the cause in the hands of those who answered when the country asked her “youth to go forth to die if need be,”

I beg every one in this convention to lay aside all personal feeling on this question, and do justice to the cause we represent. Remember, woman is loyal by birth, not marriage.

The limited time we could devote to the organization left it very imperfect, and I trust ere the close of this convention we shall have more thoroughly systematized our work. Immediately on the organization, communication was sent into the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, informing the Comrades of the same, that on the twenty-sixth day of July, 1883, the Woman's National Relief Corps was organized, and asking their approval. Some discussion ensued; the Comrades were anxious that no steps should be taken that should in any way infringe upon their glorious Order. This watchfulness we commend; yet our hearts were troubled that any doubt should arise in the minds of the veterans that for their assistance alone were we organized. The result of that discussion was the following:—

*"Resolved, That we cordially hail the organization of a National Relief Corps, and extend our greeting to them. We return our warmest thanks to the loyal women of the land for their earnest work, support and encouragement, and bid them God-speed in their patriotic work."*

Thus securing their endorsement, we stand to-day second to the most glorious charitable organization in the land, an Order embracing every color, every nationality, every religion. With this baptism, we commenced our year work.

Before our return home we were invited to counsel with the Commander-in-Chief, at which he assured us of his warmest support during his administration.

Immediately upon our return to Massachusetts, headquarters were established at No. 12 Pemberton Square, Boston, by invitation of Department Commander Evans. This was, indeed, an indorsement of our work, as by extending the courtesy of Headquarters Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, he also secured for us valuable assistance of the Assistant Adjt.-Gen. A. C. Monroe; also the advice of the Comrades of the Department, who are so proud of our Order in their State.

The question of how to meet the immediate demand for supplies was a serious one, as we must at once contract a heavy printing bill, with but \$45 in the treasury. It was a problem hard for our competent Treasurer to solve; but again was the needed assistance proffered us by Comrade E. B. Stillings, who had enabled us to present so complete printed matter at convention in Denver from Massachusetts, assuring us we were to order what we should need, and meet bills when able. Our badges were obtained by similar courtesy from the manufacturers. You can appreciate our desire to pay these bills as promptly as possible. The careful report of the Treasurer will give you the result.

Early in the year the Commander-in-Chief came to our headquarters to



consult with us, assuring us we should not delay our work for lack of funds, or any assistance that could be obtained from him.

Again, on the 22d of February, at the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, was he the guest of the National officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I desire to thank him for the kindness and fraternal spirit he has extended to us during the year. With his many duties, he has ever given us the kindest attention. This from him, and like favors from the Comrades in nearly every Department, have given us great encouragement to go on in the good cause.

Starting out for the year, an effort was made to divide the work into something like a system; but in its crude state it was found an impossibility. The officers in the extreme West were unable to render the assistance they were most willing to, through no fault of theirs or their associates. Thus the burden has fallen rather heavily upon the executive officers. Mrs. Sherwood, our Senior Vice-President, early assumed the position of instituting and installing officer for the Western States, with power to appoint her assistants. How faithfully she has performed that duty, grand results give evidence,—adding to all of this that of counsellor. During the year she has written to me over one hundred and sixty pages; thus have we counselled together through this medium more successfully than is often the case in correspondence, with the added pleasure of forming a firm friendship while in the line of duty. She has also conducted the department of loyal women's work in the *National Tribune* in our interest, through whose columns we have reaped such a rich harvest. I dare not write words of merited praise which I could not trust my trembling voice to utter, but, like Him of old, I can say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things." I trust this convention will make you ruler over many. To the editor of the *Tribune*—that earnest advocate of our cause—are we greatly indebted for the use of his paper, his hearty indorsement, and many important and wise suggestions.

I would most earnestly recommend that the office of Secretary of National and Department Corps be made an appointive one. It is very important that the Secretary should not only be a competent, faithful officer, but also one who will work in unison with the President. This I am told makes the Secretary a cipher; granted: she will then increase the value tenfold, if placed on the President's right, becoming valueless if placed on her left. The President is held responsible for both offices; therefore it would seem but just that she should be given the power to make her own choice. This is the method followed by the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am informed is most successful. Personally I cannot testify against an elected Secretary, having always been favored with the most efficient officers by selection of the convention; but in this my experience has not been that of the many, as my good fortune has been that my choice was indorsed by convention. No more earnest and efficient Secretary could



But with this faithful, devoted officer, how disastrous it would be not to have one who would make your wishes her pleasant duty and your policy hers, I can understand. Unless the utmost harmony prevails between these officers, their work must be very imperfect and unsatisfactory. I have also realized the importance of having an advisory board, to whom may be referred the many questions incumbent upon the President to decide; and I trust you will authorize such a body, that the demands upon your President's good judgment may not bankrupt her.

The Secretary is to follow me with a consolidated report of our condition, and I fear the promise I have given her not to intrude upon her ground will not permit me to remark upon our growth.

I desire to call careful attention to the Treasurer's report. This part of our work may not admit of so much sentiment as some others, but a careful examination of the books and the knowledge of the prompt manner in which every duty of the office has been conducted must elicit the admiration of all who know aught of the care of the same.

During the year the National Order has been represented upon several occasions by the officers. I cannot lengthen this report to give a detailed account. Have visited officially Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut. I have written over a thousand letters, and, while my mistakes may have been many, I have never forgotten my pledge, that, to the best of my ability, I would perform my duty. I would say to my associate officers that the execution of this obligation has been made possible by your kind assistance. Your care and watchfulness that I should make no grave mistakes have touched my heart perhaps even more than your prompt response to my call upon your time and patience. Truly, no administration can ever have a more harmonious term. I have desired to so conduct this office that the great demand made upon your time and talent may be forgotten in the remembrance of the pleasure we have received while working together in the cause we love so well.

To those who have rendered assistance in formation of Departments, to Comrades who have assisted as installing officers, I would tender my grateful thanks, not only for the work but for the manner in which it was performed.

And I am proud to know our Order contains women who can enlist the *attention* of the noblest of our land; also that prominent women are coming forward to join hands with us. Nothing has given me more pleasure than the spirit of earnestness pervading the formation of Departments.

The establishment of a Soldiers' Home is a subject upon which many are taking a prominent stand, and I trust success will crown their efforts. "To the women of Massachusetts is due the Soldiers' Home in that State," says the President.

Through your works have you become known to me, and the reports from every section on Memorial Day assured me that you were lending your influence to make that day what it should be, not alone a holiday but a holy day.

In closing my year, which has been one of unremitting labor for the cause so dear to me, I extend to you my thanks for the courtesies shown me, for your kindly bearing with my failure to perform all you may have desired, the tender words of encouragement, the charity extended to headquarters, all of which are proud reminders that the object of the Order is more than empty words. I trust we shall never forget the hour of our birth, July 26, 1883, in the centennial State, the object, the encouragement, the responsibility, but with love for our Order, move on in the line of duty, until every soldier who wore the blue, his widow and orphan have received the tender care we have pledged so willingly when calling on them to help the nation's cause.

May the Great Commander of us all guide and direct us!

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

The report of National Senior Vice-President was next in order, and Mrs. Sherwood was received very warmly, showing how deeply she is respected by all. It is as follows:—

MRS. E. FLORENCE BARKER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS:

I have the honor to make the first annual report of the Vice-President, Woman's Relief Corps. For the year ending July 15, 1884, I have sent out two hundred sixty-three applications for charters, with instructions in organization; have written over eight hundred personal letters on Relief-Corps work; issued three sets of special circulars; have directly or through my immediate assistants instituted thirty Relief Corps and five State Departments; have received over five hundred letters for the Woman's Department, *National Tribune*, acknowledging many of these by postal or letter, and answering questions according to my information, or after receiving from you an official decision. Of applications sent out, two hundred and three were upon applications received through the Woman's Department of the *National Tribune*, and it is gratifying to report that of that number fully four fifths have reported organization and work; others are forming, and only two or three have reported temporary discouragement, but the intention to go on with their work at some future time. It has been my care, as far as possible, to follow up each society forming, and to render such aid and encouragement as was possible at the distance we were removed from each other.

At Denver you asked me to "look after the West." Upon returning and looking over the situation, I became convinced that the West was a mighty territory to cover. I therefore asked that I be made Chief Instituting and



KATE BROWNLIE SHERWOOD

First National Senior Vice-President, 1883-1884.

Second National President, 1884-1885





necessary to the work. The appointment was granted, coupled with the general discretionary power, under official sanction to extend my labors into other States and Territories, as the demand might arise, or as I might have the time to give for the same. This seemed necessary, as with the rush, after Denver, for the first six months, we were all very hard pressed to supply information and service fast enough.

The plan of work proposed for myself has been carried out, though it has been less in its accomplishment than it was hoped, owing to the fact that the time was limited which came to me for Relief-Corps work. The plan was threefold: (1) To call upon the auxiliary societies, working under the Toledo plan, to reorganize; (2) To communicate with Department and Post Commanders, particularly with those to whom I had the pleasure of talking Relief Corps after Denver and upon our Rocky Mountain excursion; (3) To continue my charge of the Woman's Department of the *National Tribune*, temporarily assumed, through the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort, and to do what I could to create an interest among the Posts by the publication of letters and communications from Comrades all over the country, who had tried the experiment of a Relief Corps and found it a success. To the *National Tribune* which had made the national organization a living possibility, to its readiness to supply printed instructions and to give so much of its valuable space to Relief-Corps records, coupled with its ringing editorials upon the necessity and the value of woman's work in the Grand Army of the Republic, must be attributed largely the success that has crowned our efforts everywhere; and no more cordial recognition has been made of this than by the National President herself.

My first care upon returning from Denver, early in August, was to place myself in direct communication with the Ohio Auxiliaries, asking them to take their places among the charter Relief Corps of the Buckeye State. This was not done without some apprehension, since I was well aware of their partiality for open meetings, as, like Forsyth Auxiliary of Toledo, they were all working on the Toledo plan. At Denver I had made applications for charters for these Auxiliaries, conditional upon their reorganization, and had the happiness to see Forsyth, Toledo, take her place as No. 1, Department of Ohio, without a dissenting vote. Ford Auxiliary, Toledo, declined, after due deliberation, to reorganize, as did McCoy Auxiliary, Columbus, while a few others are still halting between two opinions. Six Auxiliaries came forward to claim their numbers as charter Corps, viz.: Robert L. McCook, Carthage; Tod, Youngstown; Cantop, Canton; Stout, Fayette; Brint and McBride, Richfield. These Corps were speedily mustered and have formed strong missionary centres throughout the State; while among the fifty-five Relief Corps, numbered by the Department of Ohio to date, are numbers of staunch Auxiliaries all bound together by stronger and truer ties than was possible under their independent organization.

Correspondence was not confined to the Ohio Auxiliaries, but extended to Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, Colorado, and California, and in all these States the Auxiliaries came promptly within the Order. Some of these hesitated about reorganizing, upon the grounds that they would lose the records they had made in their years of work. But this has been obviated, as with Forsyth, Toledo, which gives its date of organization March, 1879, as an Auxiliary, reorganization as a Relief Corps, November, 1883, the date of initiation.

From my memorandum book kept at Denver, and upon our Rocky Mountain trip, the names of Department Commanders and others interested in the Relief Corps were taken, and the information they asked was forwarded. In nearly all instances the promise extended to do personal work in their own Post or Department, has been kept. The last to report an organization was Col. Sterret, Past Commander, Custer Post, St. Joseph, Mo. True to a soldier's word, the loyal ladies of the western border of Missouri are now enrolled, and will be represented at the Minneapolis Convention. The Department Commanders personally addressed were C. T. Clarke, Ohio; H. T. Harper, Illinois; O. A. Janes, Michigan; T. J. Anderson, through H. X. Davendorf, Kansas; and Phil. Cheek Jr., Wisconsin. Col. Carnahan, of Indiana, was not addressed by me for the reason that Indiana was represented in convention at Denver by delegates from an Auxiliary Department who had promised to lead off in the work in that State. Not until they had declined to go on, owing to some dissatisfaction with the terms of reconstruction, was the work taken up by myself in behalf of National Headquarters. With the organization of Shiloh Corps, Elkhart, by Mrs. Howe, of Toledo, in April last, a new interest has sprung up in that State.

From the Commanders whose names are recorded, most cordial and efficient aid was given, and my request that in their annual addresses the importance of the formation of Relief Corps be urged upon the Posts was granted and presented in terms to excite the warmest gratitude. Col. Cheek, of Wisconsin, followed the honored example of Gen. Beath, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, made the recommendation a part of his first General Order after Denver; and Gen. Janes, of Michigan, embodied it in his General Order convening the Department in annual meeting at Detroit, Jan. 23, 1884. The result of my conference with Gen. Janes was a call, issued by me to the Relief Corps of Michigan, to meet at Detroit simultaneously with the Department and form a State Department. I was present at the meeting, and met in open session many Comrades and loyal ladies interested; but, as few regular delegates were present, it was deemed best to adjourn the meeting to Lansing, the State capital, to a date to be fixed later. Accordingly another call was issued for April 2, when Lois F. S. Holbrook, of Toledo, was present and conducted the meeting. Col. Rush J. Shank, of Lansing, having been elected Department Commander



predecessor, and in his general orders following the Encampment commended loyal woman's work and the establishment of a Corps in connection with every Post. Lansing had already pledged herself to the work, and Mrs. Shank was president of the large and flourishing Corps, Charles T. Foster, at that place. It was most proper that she be elected Department President, which office she is filling with zeal and credit. For valuable assistance in Michigan I am indebted to Comrade W. L. Smith, editor of the *Veteran*, which has a column devoted to the Relief Corps of that State.

The Department of Kansas, through Col. H. X. Devendorf, Assistant Adjutant-General, was zealous from the first, and through the active and unceasing encouragement of the Department and the Comrades, Kansas stands close to Ohio in the number and influence of Corps formed and rapid growth and development. Wisconsin promises well, a Department having been formed June 7, with Clara B. Sloane as President, and which was instituted by the Department Commander. Some of the most inspiring letters come from the Wisconsin Corps.

By special request, the Department Commanders of Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois each appointed a conference committee from their respective Encampments to confer with the ladies assembled. Gov. Richard J. Oglesby, of Illinois, was appointed by Col. Harper to head the Conference Committee in that State. The committee visited the ladies at their hall, at Decatur, June 30, when the Department was formed, and gave them a cordial indorsement and God-speed in their work. Lois F. S. Holbrook, of Toledo, instituted the Department. Julia G. Sine, of Rockford, who had been serving as instituting officer, was elected President. The officers of the Relief Corps with the Instituting Officer were invited to seats on the platform at the Encampment camp-fire. Gov. Oglesby and Gen. Beath, Commander-in-Chief, were both eloquent in their appeals for loyal woman's work, and Mrs. Holbrooke was given an opportunity to speak for the Relief Corps, an honor and privilege duly appreciated by us all.

A conference committee appointed by Gen. Janes at Detroit, after full explanation of the character and work of the Relief Corps, recommended it strongly to the Encampment, and the Commander-in-Chief gave us a ringing speech, after which a call was made for the Senior Vice, to which, in behalf of the National Relief Corps, I felt proud to respond.

A conference committee, appointed by Col. Clarke, at Zanesville, made a favorable report to the Encampment, and here the Relief Corps delegates were honored in the request to be present at the installation of Department officers, and the Department President joined me, by request, in replying to congratulations and explaining the objects of our work. A special mention of the invaluable services rendered me by the Department President, Lottie L. Myers, in the work of organization, cannot be estimated, and her election to the position she is filling so acceptably was particularly gratifying to me. Other able and untiring assistants have been Emma D. Sibley,

Annie E. Howe, Nellie Bacon, and Mrs. Holbrooke, heretofore mentioned, all of Toledo. Col. H. P. Lloyd, the present Department Commander of Ohio, has given us noble assistance, recommending the establishment of Relief Corps in General Orders and especially calling upon Relief Corps to aid the Post in his Memorial Day Order.

Miss Sibley made the trip to St. Paul, Neb., to be present, April 2, at the institution of the Department of Nebraska, and aid Louise M. Merrill, through whose auspices the call was made and with whom I had held considerable communication. Miss Sibley was hospitably received and showered with kindnesses by both Comrades and Corps.

June 7, Mrs. Bacon, of Toledo, visited Elkhart, Ind., and instituted the Department of Indiana, with Hattie A. Floyd, of Kendallville, as President. The Department Convention was held under the auspices of Shiloh Post and Corps, and the ladies tendered a reception in the evening at the Opera House parlor.

To the organization of eight of the ten charter Corps in Pennsylvania I had the pleasure of contributing by correspondence; also, to many of the charter Corps of New York, Maine, Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado, and had the honor of aiding Mrs. M. E. Hausbeck, chief instituting and installing officer and present Secretary of the Department of New York, in the duty assigned her of instituting and convening the Charter Corps for the formation of a Department. But the greatest pleasure I have known in this work has been to aid in the formation of Relief Corps in California, Washington Territory, and Dakota. From Maine to California, through New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri, Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, Colorado to California, Oregon and Washington Territory, runs this strong heart-chain of Union, broken only by the rocky slopes and semicivilization of Utah and Nevada. In all that wide expanse of country we measure its magnificent distance to-day, not by houses and lands, by gold heaped up and vast possessions, but by the strong fraternal attachments which have rooted themselves, firm and fast, in the hearts of soldier comrades and the warm, sympathetic natures of the loyal women, whose best energies are consecrated to the disabled veterans of the Union and to their widows and orphans. My special acknowledgments are due to the Commander-in-Chief, Robert B. Beath, for important advice, whenever consulted; for his encouragement and support at Detroit, Decatur, and Zanesville, and his cordial endorsement of our work, and for the opportunity extended to members of Forsyth Relief Corps and Comrades of Forsyth Post to meet him in my own home Jan. 24, 1884, upon his return from Detroit. Also, to the Department Commanders and others already named, as well to Senior Vice-Commander R. B. Brown of Ohio, Department Chaplain T. C. Warner of Ohio, Past Commander J. S. Kountz of Ohio, Col. Austin Curtin of Pennsylvania,



ment Commander E. C. Babb of Minnesota, Major Franklin of Nebraska, and Commander Carnahan of Indiana, for many favors received.

It will be borne in mind that I was among those who preferred the open auxiliary society, on the old aid-society plan, to the secret work of the Relief Corps, and only waived my objection to the latter in the interest of harmony and union. In our own Forsyth Corps and in our State there were many who held to the same views and who surrendered those views for the same reasons. It may now be proper to say that the adoption of secret work upon the part of any has not only removed any objections we may have entertained against it, but that we unite in saying that we find a greater interest among the members, more prompt attendance, the development of greater talent, an increased spirit of fraternity, a growth of charity, and an interest that borders on enthusiasm, where often before the individual was moved by a simple sense of duty. We, therefore, frankly and unconditionally lay this tribute before Relief-Corps work, and will never cease to congratulate ourselves that he who governs the affairs of men chose wisely for us in shaping events at Denver.

Again, it will be remembered that I was among those who warmly approved the eligibility of all loyal women, with the important qualifications of willingness to work for the soldier and of good moral character. If I were strong in that faith then, I am, if possible, more earnest now. In Ohio, where the question has never been raised and where applications are pouring in upon the Department daily, the loyal woman feels that she has the same right and privilege in a Relief Corps that she would have in a church or benevolent society. It is understood that the very word "auxiliary" means a helper; and as her earnest desire is to help the soldier, where else could she do it so well as in a society pledged to soldier work? Fully one half of our organizers and untiring workers in the Corps are *only* loyal women, and on the staff of our Department President are several who have done Spartan service in the interest of the Corps. To expel loyal women from our Ohio Relief Corps would be a blow at the noble record of Ohio in the war, since hosts of the noble women who worked for us then are with us now. It gives me great pleasure to say that the feeling in nearly all the Corps and all the Departments formed, save one, is unanimous for individual loyalty as the first qualification for membership.

In conclusion, I wish to place myself on record as in favor of enlarging and extending the power for good of the National Relief Corps by the establishing of a general relief fund by every Department, as well as by National Headquarters, to be used in the cases of army nurses and other loyal women who may have rendered important service to their country in time of war, and who are now, in their declining years, after struggling along for a bare subsistence, left to die friendless and unknown, without even the means to secure hospital attendance. Such a case is that of the noble and gifted Anna Ella Carroll, who rendered some of the most important service of the war, and who did more than any other by her writ-

ings and personal efforts to hold Maryland true to the Union. A relief fund in the hands of the National President, to be judiciously used to relieve some present distress in a case like this, would be a divine benediction upon many a sorrowing one who has been cast aside by a forgetful people to fill a pauper's grave. I would have the Woman's Relief Corps memorialize Congress from every State and Territory of the Union — and they have now the organization to do it — asking Congress not only to provide fittingly for the widows and orphans of soldiers, but to grant an honorable pension to every woman who gave her best services, her dearest hopes, for the salvation of her country and the care of the men who fought their country's battles.

Before closing I would bear testimony to the noble zeal and broad and enlightened policy that has characterized the executive officers of the Woman's Relief Corps; to the President, Mrs. E. Florence Barker, the Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Fuller, and the Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Turner. With each and all my relations have been frank, fraternal, and cordial. In all our intercourse we have withheld nothing, discussed all matters freely, and, laying aside all personal preferences or individual opinions, have done everything in a common effort to promote the welfare of the Woman's Relief Corps.

To you, my dear President, my most loving thanks are due for the unbounded measure of trust and confidence you have bestowed upon me; for your gentle forbearances when my importunities have been sometimes exacting; and for the examples placed before me in a nature overflowing with generous impulses and sweet womanly sympathies. Each and all must ever dwell in my heart as among my stanchest, truest, most trusted friends and admirers.

I have the honor to be yours, in F., C., and L.,

KATE B. SHERWOOD.

The report of the Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Fuller, was called, but owing to the lateness of the hour, the reading of the entire report was waived, Secretary giving only some statistics as to the growth of membership; and also the Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Turner, gave a report of the financial condition of the Order, after which Commander Beath made an address, paying a most worthy compliment to the organization. The Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders made brief speeches, after which the convention adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. Wednesday.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Wednesday, July 23, 1884.

THE National Convention met at Curtis Hall at 10 A. M.; President Mrs. E. Florence Barker in the chair. As the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic was to take place at 11 A. M., it was decided to adjourn this meeting after the appointment of committees. President then announced the following:—

*Committee on Credentials.*—Mrs. Katrina L. Beedle of Massachusetts, Mrs. Cora D. Young of Ohio, Mrs. Lizzie Anderson of Kansas.

*Committee on Reports of Officers.*—Mrs. M. S. Bergen, Ohio; Mrs. L. M. Merrill, Nebraska; Mrs. S. C. Nichols, New York; Mrs. M. S. Goodale, Massachusetts; Mrs. T. E. Holthouse, Pennsylvania.

*Committee on Reception.*—Mrs. Kate C. Wright, Mrs. M. J. Marshall, Mrs. Mary M. Cook, Presidents of local Corps in Minneapolis.

In the absence of the National Conductor, the President appointed Mrs. M. Susie Goodale, President Department of Massachusetts, to act as conductor of the first session.

Moved by Mrs. Goodale that we adjourn till two o'clock. The motion was carried, and the convention was adjourned to that hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY.

Meeting called to order at 2.40 P.M. President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. S. E. Fuller of Massachusetts, after which the convention was declared duly opened for business. The reports of National Secretary and National Treasurer were then read, and referred to Committee on Reports of Officers.



## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.,  
BOSTON, July 10, 1884.

MRS. PRESIDENT BARKER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S  
RELIEF CORPS :

In compliance with the requirements of the rules and regulations of our Order, I have the honor herewith to submit the first annual report of the National Secretary. It was with many misgivings and anxious fears that I assumed the duties of the office of Secretary of a national organization in the first year of its history; and while I refer to the work of my office during the year with some degree of pride and satisfaction, it is also with many regrets that I have failed to accomplish in detail much that I earnestly desired to do for the advancement of our Order. Upon my arrival home from the West, Aug. 31, I found fifty-three letters awaiting me, every one of them requiring an immediate answer, with instructions regarding the work of our Order. Anticipating the formation of a national organization, the Union Board of the Woman's Relief Corps, comprising the Departments of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, had but a small stock of the books and papers of our Order on hand, and these were at once secured as the property of National Headquarters; but the supply was wholly inadequate to the demand, and the preparation of a new edition of the rules and regulations, also Department charters, Corps charters, installation and burial services, and all the several papers in use in the Order, was at once begun by the Printing Committee, which was appointed by the National Convention, with the addition of one member appointed by the National President. We experienced many vexatious but unavoidable delays, and it was not until late in January that we were equipped with a full supply of all the books and papers of the Order.

It was at first deemed advisable that the National Secretary should hold samples of all supplies, and issue the same for the institution of new Corps, which was carried out till Feb. 23, when it was found to be simply impossible for one person to attend to the correspondence and routine office work, and have the care of any supplies, and consequently these were all turned over to the National Treasurer, who has since so faithfully and promptly issued the same.

From Sept. 5 to Feb. 23, I issued the supplies for eighty-nine Corps, all





SARAH E. FULLER

First Department President of Massachusetts, 1879-1882

First National Secretary, 1883-1884

Third National President 1885-1886

## Dr.

I have received from all sources for supplies . . . . .	\$1,267 68
156 charter fees, @ \$5.00 . . . . .	780 00
1 Department charter fee, @ \$10.00 . . . . .	10 00
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	\$2,057 68
Less four charter fees paid Mrs. Barker and one to Mrs. Turner . . . . .	25 00
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	\$2,032 68
<i>Per capita tax</i> . . . . .	116 65
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	\$2,149 33

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Paid to National Treasurer . . . . .	\$2,069 23
Telegraphing . . . . .	6 90
Office supplies . . . . .	23 61
Postage . . . . .	50 03
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Total . . . . .	\$2,149 77
Receipts . . . . .	2,149 33
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Balance over-paid . . . . .	44

The property of the Order now on hand in this office is as follows:—

Thirty-four Department charters, one hundred and fifteen Corps charters, two boxes charter seals, two-thirds of a box of gilt seals for Department charters, one seal press, value \$6.00, fifty charter rolls, and two hundred rituals.

## GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The extension of the Order by single Corps and Department organizations has exceeded even our most sanguine hopes or anticipations. Supplies have been issued to one hundred and fifty-six Corps, of which seven are not as yet reported as organized. The quarterly reports for the fourth quarter 1883 gave the following:—

Department of Massachusetts, 34 Corps, number of members . . . . .	1,840
“ New Hampshire, 10 “ “ “ . . . . .	422
Single Corps, 32 in the different States.	
Total number Corps, 76 Total number members . . . . .	<hr/> 3,756

1st quarter, 1884.

Department of Massachusetts reported 36 Corps, number of members, 2,069	
“ New Hampshire “ 12 “ “ “ . . . . .	466
“ Ohio, organized Jan. 30, 16 “ . . . . .	
“ Illinois, “ Jan. 30, 5 “ . . . . .	
“ Kansas, “ Feb. 6, 18 “ . . . . .	
“ New York, “ Feb. 7, 17 “ . . . . .	

## EXPENDED FOR CHARITY.

1st quarter, 1884.

Department of Massachusetts	. . . . .	\$807 17
“ New Hampshire	. . . . .	166 01
“ Ohio	. . . . .	734 99
“ Illinois	. . . . .	63 34
“ New York	. . . . .	40 69
Total amount by single Corps	. . . . .	408 03
Total amount	. . . . .	<u>\$2,220 23</u>

Largest amount expended by Corps were Wetzel Compton, No. 5, Hamilton, Ohio, \$256.93; Forsyth, No. 1, Toledo, Ohio, \$199.08; Hazlett, No. 11, Zanesville, Ohio, \$171; Dahlgren, No. 20, South Boston, Mass., \$125. Gen. Lander, No 29, Lynn, Mass., reports the largest number of members, — one hundred and sixty in good standing.

Loss by death, 4th quarter, 1883, 4; 1st quarter, 1884, 7.

The reports for the second quarter, 1884, are not complete, but reports as returned from four Departments and eighteen single Corps report as follows: —

Department of Massachusetts,	41 Corps, number of members .	2,202
“ New Hampshire,	15 “ “ “ .	546
“ Michigan,	15 “ “ “ .	435
“ Maine,	7 “ “ “ .	288
	<u>78</u>	<u>4,471</u>
Single Corps,	18	
Corps reported to date,	<u>96</u>	

## EXPENDED IN CHARITY.

Department of Massachusetts	. . . . .	\$884 49
“ New Hampshire	. . . . .	46 40
“ Michigan	. . . . .	98 42
Single Corps	. . . . .	125 16
Total amount	. . . . .	<u>\$1,154 47</u>

Loss by death, 6; honorable discharge, 29; total loss, 35.

As the reports are received, a supplementary report will be made to National Convention, and I believe they will give a total membership of 6,000; a gain of nearly 4,000 during the year.



## OFFICE WORK.

I have received 1,698 letters and nearly 400 postal cards, and have written 1,500 letters and more than 500 postal cards. Three general orders have been issued, a price list of supplies, and a printed circular of instructions to Corps Presidents. These have been issued to every Corps and Department President, with a mailing list of 160 names. Until the circular letter was issued in February, I had written the instructions to every Corps President as soon as reported, and I trust that whenever the work of inspection is performed it will be found my work was correctly done. Consequent upon the growth of the Order, and the fact that hundreds of the women who have taken up this new form of work were never before associated with any organization outside of church work, it has required a correspondence that has been simply enormous. To explain all the methods and system of our work, with all the perplexing questions which would naturally arise, has called for very lengthy letters from the Secretary; and while it has been my constant purpose to attend promptly and faithfully to all letters, yet I have failed many times, and can only hope the members of the Order will cover all my mistakes or omissions with the sweet mantle of charity, believing it has been my earnest desire to assist in placing our Order on a basis satisfactory alike to members of our Order, and the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been my pleasant duty to visit the State of Maine officially four times during the year, and to institute five Corps, viz.: B. H. Beale, No. 1, Bangor; Albert H. Frost, No. 2, Winthrop; J. H. Knowles, No. 4, Corinna; Custer, No. 5, Lewiston; and Stephen Davis, No. 6, Pittsfield: and in every instance I was received very courteously and kindly by the Comrades and ladies. I also had the honor of accompanying the National President on June 16 to Bangor, and to assist in organizing the Department of Maine.

Permit me to call the special attention of every Department and Corps President to the importance of a more thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations of our Order. By a careful study of them, much valuable time would be saved to themselves and the National and Department Secretaries. In many cases the quarterly reports are not correctly filled out, necessitating their return, and consequent delay to the Department Secretary in consolidating the reports of Department. By the exercise of a little careful thought on the part of every Corps President, the reports could be filled out at the last regular meeting in each quarter, and thus save unnecessary delay and trouble. I would also recommend a greater familiarity with the duties of the several officers, as there need be no conflict if each officer understood her respective duties.

I desire to express to yourself, also to the National Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, and the National Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Turner, my sincere thanks for their kind and presidential help.



are due to Comrade John D. Billings, Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, for the privilege of establishing our headquarters at the headquarters of Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, for to our frequent meetings there, and the opportunity thus afforded us of seeking advice and counsel of the many prominent Comrades whose assistance has been invaluable, I think is due much of our success; and we are also deeply indebted to Comrade A. C. Munroe, Assistant Adjutant-General Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, and Comrade James F. Meech, past Assistant Adjutant-General, for advice and suggestions regarding our work which have been of great assistance; also to Comrade E. B. Stillings for his very valuable aid in the preparation of all the printed matter. In closing this report I desire to say to the hundreds whose letters have come to me, many of them freighted with words of encouragement and fraternal love, though I may never see the faces of those who penned the words, their memory will ever be cherished, and, as one of the pioneers of this noble Order, I trust you may hold me in kindly remembrance. My official relations with every member of the board have been of the pleasantest possible character, and I can only hope the friendships thus formed may last through life; and at last, having done our appointed work as women whose hearts have been inspired by love of the dear "motherland" and its brave defenders, may it be said of each, "She hath done what she could."

Fraternally and loyally yours,

MRS. SARAH E. FULLER,  
*National Secretary W. R. C.*



## NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R.,  
BOSTON, July 15, 1884.

MRS. E. FLORENCE BARKER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

As required by the rules and regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the doings of the National Treasurer's department for the year ending July 15, 1884.

Number of Corps instituted between Sept. 5, 1883, and July 10, 1884, 155.

## SUPPLIES ISSUED TO DEPARTMENTS AND SUBORDINATE CORPS.

13 Sets Department officers' badges.	683 Installation service.
290 Sets Corps officers' badges.	787 Quarterly reports.
4,403 Floor badges.	68 Department quarterly reports.
11 Past Presidents' badges.	75 Inspectors' blanks.
21 Instituting and installing officers' badges.	579 Election returns.
12,504 Rules and regulations.	56 Pieces badge ribbon.
7,819 Ode cards.	6 Yards charter ribbon.
7,055 Applications for membership.	5 Hand-stamps and seals.
600 Applications for charters.	13 Electrotypes dies.
2,294 Transfer cards.	116 Sets blank books for Corps' use.
853 Discharge cards.	130 Blank charters.
	1,113 Rituals.

The above amount includes

89 Sets officers' badges,	316 Transfer cards,
2,354 Floor badges,	167 Discharge cards,
1,631 Rules and regulations,	2,263 Ode cards,
172 Installation service,	29 Sets of books,
1,607 Application blanks.	

issued by the Secretary previous to Feb. 20, 1884.



LIZABETH A. TURNER

First National Treasurer, 1883-1889  
Thirteenth National President, 1895-1896



## SUPPLIES ON HAND, July 10, 1884.

2,500 Applications for membership	3 Pieces badge ribbon.
2,122 Ode cards.	1 Set Department officers' badges.
1,374 Transfer cards.	1 Set Corps officers' badges.
96 Discharge cards.	1 Past President badge.
1,698 Secretary reports.	51 Floor badges.
1,029 Inspectors' blanks.	4 Record books.
682 Rules and regulations.	3 Draft books.
637 Applications for charter.	2 Cash books.
304 Election returns.	2 Black books.
238 Installation service.	1 Ledger book.
171 Blank charters.	1 Receipt book.
170 Department quarterly reports.	

## RECEIPTS.

*Dr.*

Received for membership at Denver	\$45 00
<i>Per capita</i> tax July 15, 1884	307 79
Received for supplies to July 15, 1884	3,878 56
Total receipts	\$4,231 35

## EXPENDITURES.

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Ward & Gay, blank books and stationery	\$259 05
E. B. Stillings & Co., printing and blank books	1,153 07
Pollard & Alford, badges, charter ribbons, etc.	1,464 88
L. A. Turner, badge ribbon	304 82
K. B. Sherwood, printing circulars, postage, travelling expenses	75 30
Edith Howard, printing rituals	386 00
Robert Torrey, engrossing charters	71 75
Hall & Whipple	34 50
Cash book	1 25
Mrs. Olney, charter fee returned	5 00
Department Nebraska	7 00
Department Massachusetts, W.R.C., for supplies	15 30
National Secretary's salary	153 89
Supplies for Secretary's office	80 54
National President, supplies	31 00
National Treasurer, expressage and telegraphing	7 15

## TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Inspection at Hartford . . . . .	\$5 75	
Inspection at New Haven . . . . .	7 00	
Mrs. L. A. Turner, instituting Department Connecticut . . . . .	8 00	
Mrs. E. Florence Barker, instituting Department Maine . . . . .	13 25	
Mrs. M. E. Hausbeck, instituting Department New York . . . . .	10 00	
Mrs. S. C. Nichols, instituting Department Pennsylvania . . . . .	31 61	
	<hr/>	\$4,126 11
Cash on hand . . . . .		105 24
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		\$4,231 35

## ASSETS.

Value of supplies on hand . . . . .	\$168 40
Due from Departments . . . . .	1,102 63
Due from Subordinate Corps . . . . .	260 96
Cash on hand . . . . .	105 24
Office supplies, etc. . . . .	15 00
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	\$1,652 23

## LIABILITIES.

Bills payable . . . . .	\$135 96
Balance to new account . . . . .	<hr/>
	\$1,516 27

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. TURNER,

*National Treasurer.*

Moved by Mrs. Nichols of New York, that as the address of National President and the report of the National Senior Vice-President were read at the open meeting of Tuesday, the second reading of them be waived and printed copies of the same be issued to every Corps President. The motion was carried.

The National Treasurer also reported the Departments of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan had cancelled all indebtedness at National Headquarters.

Report of Committee on Credentials was next in order, but as some regularly elected delegates were present without proper credentials, it was decided the roll of convention should be called from the certified election

## ROLL OF NATIONAL CONVENTION.

## OFFICERS.

*E. FLORENCE BARKER, <i>National President</i>	. . .	Malden, Mass.
*KATE B. SHERWOOD, <i>National S. V. President</i>	. . .	Toledo, Ohio.
*E. K. STIMSON, <i>National T. V. President</i>	. . .	Denver, Col.
*SARAH E. FULLER, <i>National Secretary</i>	. . .	East Boston, Mass.
*LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer</i>	. . .	Boston, Mass.
EMILY GARDNER, <i>National Inspector</i>	. . .	Denver, Col.
MATTIE B. MOULTON, <i>National Chaplain</i>	. . .	Laconia, N. H.
J. W. BEATSON, <i>National Guard</i>	. . .	Rockford, Ill.
MARY J. TELFORD, <i>National Cor. Secretary</i>	. . .	Denver, Col.
H. X. DEVENDORF, <i>National Cor. Secretary</i>	. . .	Topeka, Kan.

## DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT.

ORGANIZED APRIL 1, 1884.

*Mrs. ELIZABETH C. KEIFER	. . .	<i>President.</i>
Mrs. FRANCIS R. MARTIN	. . .	<i>S. V. President.</i>
Mrs. ELLA STANNARD	. . .	<i>J. V. President.</i>
Mrs. FANNY M. BRAGG	. . .	<i>Secretary</i>

*Delegate at large.*

Mrs. F. R. MARTIN.

*Delegates.*

Mrs. CARRIE B. KONOLD.

Mrs. MARY MIRRIMAN.

\*Mrs. MARY HEALEY

\*MARY C. SCOVILLE, *Winsted.**Alternate at large.*

Mrs. MAGGIE MUNSON.

*Alternates.*

Mrs. MINNIE ROGERS.

\*Mrs. CARRIE ATWATER

Mrs. COOK.

## DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO.

ORGANIZED JUNE 26, 1884.

Mrs. KENNEDY, <i>President</i>	. . .	Denver.
Mrs. SHERMAN, <i>S. V. President</i>	. . .	Colorado Springs.
Mrs. COY, <i>J. V. President</i>	. . .	Pueblo.
Mrs. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i>	. . .	Golden.

*Delegate at large.*Mrs. SMITH, *Denver.**Delegates.*Mrs. L. K. DANIELS, *Denver,*\*MARY L. CARR, *Longmont.**Alternate at large.*Mrs. ELDRIDGE, *Denver.**Alternate.*Mrs. BABCOCK, *Golden.*



## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

ORGANIZED JAN. 30, 1884.

*Mrs. JULIA G. SINE, <i>President</i>	Rockford.
Mrs. SARAH FREEMAN, <i>S. V. President</i>	Palestine.
Mrs. SYLVIA M. DEIHL, <i>J. V. President</i>	Henry.
Miss MINNIE OWEN, <i>Secretary</i>	Rockford.

*Delegates.*

Mrs. EMMA HALE, <i>Rockford.</i>	*Mrs. LAURA COX, <i>Decatur.</i>
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*Alternates.*

Mrs. LIBBIE LYTLE, <i>Decatur.</i>	Mrs. YOUNG, <i>Henry.</i>
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## DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

ORGANIZED JULY 8, 1884.

*Mrs. MATTIE DAWSON, <i>President</i>	Agency City.
Mrs. MARGARET CARNS, <i>S. V. President</i>	Newton.
*Mrs. CYNTHIA E. MCDANIEL, <i>J. V. President</i>	Wyoming.
*Miss. MAGGIE MUNROE, <i>Secretary</i>	Agency City.

*Delegate at large.*\*MARY GARARD, *Clinton.**Delegates.*

*Mrs. MAGGIE MUNROE.	*NANNIE C. DAVIDSON.
*Mrs. HATTIE MARSHALL.	*MARY E BURNELL.

*Alternates.*

Mrs. MARIA CLARK, <i>Grinnell.</i>	Mrs. MARGARET CARNS, <i>Newton.</i>
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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

ORGANIZED JULY 8, 1884.

Mrs. HATTIE FLOYD, <i>President</i>	Kendallville.
Mrs. MARY CHILD, <i>S. V. President</i>	Madison.
Mrs. TITUS, <i>J. V. President</i>	Elkhart.
Mrs. JAMES, <i>Secretary</i>	Brazil.

## DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

ORGANIZED FEB. 6, 1884.

*Mrs. L. H. BROWN, <i>President</i>	Olathe.
Mrs. G. L. MURDOCK, <i>S. V. President</i>	Topeka.

*Delegate at large.*

\*JENNIE HAYNES.

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*Delegates.*

\*Mrs. LIZZIE ANDERSON.

\*Mrs. HELEN McCUNE.

\*Mrs. B. C. POND.

\*Mrs. ANNA SHOCKLEY.

\*Mrs. ADDIE ALLEN.

S. S. WOOD.

\*CARRIE QUINBY.

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HATTIE REICHENEKER.

HELEN STONE.

SARAH ASHBAUGH.

ELLA M. LINTON.

\*EMILY JENKINS.

## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ORGANIZED FEB. 12, 1879.

\*Mrs. M. SUSIE GOODALE, *President* . . . . . Medford.Mrs. S. AGNES PARKER, *S. V. President* . . . . . Brockton.\*Mrs. LIZABETH A. TURNER, *J. V. President* . . . . . Boston.\*Mrs. SARAH E. FULLER, *Secretary* . . . . . East Boston.*Delegate at large.*Mrs. ANNIE E. BAILEY, *Hyde Park.**Delegates.*Mrs. E. C. LOVERING, *Worcester.*Mrs. M. E. ANDREWS, *Brockton.*\*Mrs. K. L. BEEDLE, *Cambridge.*Mrs. S. S. STURGEON, *Malden.*Mrs. J. M. CONNOR, *Chelsea.*Mrs. S. G. M. HILL, *Danvers.*Mrs. M. E. LAWTON, *South Boston.*Mrs. M. M. PERRY, *Springfield.*Miss H. M. MASON, *Haverhill.*Mrs. M. A. LULL, *Cambridgeport.*Mrs. ANNA DAVIS, *Fitchburg.*Mrs. E. F. TALBOT, *Holliston.*\*Mrs. MARY ADAMS, *Lynn.*\*Mrs. ANNA BROWN, *Amesbury.*Mrs. P. F. SPRAGUE, *East Boston.*\*Miss M. E. ELLIOTT, *Somerville.*Mrs. S. CREASY, *Newburyport.*\*Mrs. M. E. CHIPMAN, *Waltham.*Mrs. E. A. TUTTLE, *Lowell.**Past Department Presidents.*\*Mrs. SARAH E. FULLER, *East Boston* \*Mrs. E. FLORENCE BARKER, *Malden**Alternate at large.*Mrs. ELLA M. DAVIS, *Holyoke.**Alternates*Mrs. L. A. RICE, *Worcester.*Mrs. KATE TUFTS, *Malden.*Mrs. H. A. ALLEN, *Cambridge.*Mrs. S. B. SANGER, *Danvers.*Mrs. L. H. DAY, *East Boston.*Mrs. M. E. GLOVER, *Springfield.*Mrs. E. B. WHEELER, *South Boston.*Mrs. A. SIBLEY, *East Boston.*Mrs. MARY PALMER, *Haverhill.*Mrs. E. M. GASSETT, *Holliston.*Mrs. ANNIE BRUCE, *Fitchburg.*Mrs. M. F. DENNETT, *Amesbury.*Mrs. S. M. BATCHELDER, *Lynn.*Mrs. H. F. JOHNSON, *Charlestown.*Mrs. A. A. NOTTAGE, *East Boston.*Mrs. A. HARRINGTON, *Waltham.*Mrs. FANNY CREASY, *Newburyport.*Mrs. A. B. FELLOWS, *Chelsea.*Mrs. S. W. MURDOCK, *Brockton.*\*Mrs. W. H. CHAMBERLAIN, *Pittsfield.*

## DEPARTMENT OF MAINE.

ORGANIZED JUNE 17, 1884.

EMILY V. LITTLEFIELD, *President* . . . . . Bangor.  
 AUGUSTA C. GETCHELL, *S. V. President* . . . . . Lewiston.  
 GRACE E. HOWE, *J. V. President* . . . . . Pittsfield.

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Mrs. I. S. BANGS, Waterville.

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 GRACE E. HOWE, *Pittsfield.*

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INZETTA A. SMALL, *Pittsfield.* AUGUSTA C. GETCHELL, *Lewiston.*  
 M. A. SYLVESTER, *Pittsfield.*

## DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1884.

\*ELLA W. SHANK . . . . . *President.*  
 MARY E. HINES . . . . . *S. V. President.*  
 \*AMANDA MINER . . . . . *J. V. President.*  
 JENNIE M. GEORGE . . . . . *Secretary.*

*Delegate at large.*

\*EMMA S. HAMPTON.

*Delegates.*

Mrs. THERESA FRENCH. Mrs. MARY F. PRIEST.  
 \*Mrs. FANNIE L. HUFF. \*Mrs. C. L. BRADFORD.  
 \*CORA LESHER.

*Alternates.*

CARRIE E. STEVENS. MAGGIE B. DIXON.  
 \*KITTIE A. STONE. EVA MOORE.

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ORGANIZED OCT. 21, 1880.

Mrs. MATTIE B. MOULTON, *President* . . . . . Laconia.  
 \*Mrs. ADALINE P. KENT, *S. V. President* . . . . . Portsmouth.  
 Mrs. SARAH W. GREEN, *J. V. President* . . . . . Pittsfield.  
 Mrs. CELIA F. P. FOSTER, *Secretary* . . . . . Milford.

*Delegates.*

Mrs. CELIA F. P. FOSTER, *Milford.* Mrs. SARAH W. GREEN, *Pittsfield.*



*Alternates.*

Mrs. FRANK M. JOHNSON, *Laconia*.      Mrs. MARY O. HEMENWAY, *Milford*.  
 Mrs. CATHARINE A. OSGOOD, *Portsmouth*. Mrs. ADDIE S. HUGHES, *Ashland*.

*Past Department President*

Mrs. MARY A. LULL, *Milford, Mass.*

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

ORGANIZED FEB. 7, 1884.

\*SARAH C. NICHOLS, *President*.

CELESTIA T. B. DAINS, *S. V. President* . . . . . Hamilton.

MARTHA E. RIVERS, *J. V. President* . . . . . Ilion.

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\*KATE E. JONES, *Ilion*.

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\*ABBIE DE G JOHNSON, *Hamilton*.

Mrs. NEWELL, *Brooklyn*.

SARAH L. MEEK, *New York*

\*S. L. TRAVOR.

\*MAGGIE DAVIS, *Brooklyn*.

## DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA.

ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1884.

\*Mrs. LOUISE M. MERRILL, *President* . . . . . St. Paul.

\*Mrs. JOSEPHINE E. GILLESPIE, *S. V. President* . . . . . Kearney.

\*Mrs. THERESA WOODARD, *J. V. President* . . . . . Weeping Water.

Mrs. JANE A. HARLOCKER, *Secretary* . . . . . Hastings.

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*Delegates.*

\*JULIETTE HOWE.

\*HETTIE K. PAINTER.

\*DEBORAH G. KING.

\*SALLIE N. FRANKLIN.

ANNA E. ROBERTS.

## DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

ORGANIZED JAN. 30, 1884.

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\*CORA D. YOUNG, *S. V. President* . . . . . Toledo.

\*LOUISA TERRY, *J. V. President* . . . . . Zanesville.

\*ADA F. CLARKE, *Secretary* . . . . . Canton.

*Delegate at large.*

\*Mrs. M. S. BERGEN, *Toledo*.

*Delegates.*

\*Mrs. M. E. EBERSOLE, *Canton*.

Mrs. FRANCES S. RUSSELL, *Zanesville*.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE WEILER, *Hamilton*.

\*HARRIET LLOYD, *Cincinnati*.

Mrs. LOUISA TERRY, *Zanesville*.

\*MARTHA J. LOCKE, *Toledo*.

\*MARY J. KELSEY, *Toledo*.

*Alternate at large.*

ANNIE E. HOWE, Toledo.

*Alternates.*

Mrs. MARY J. KELSEY, Toledo.

Mrs. P. L. CHOATE, Cincinnati.

\*Mrs. LUELLA M. COOK, Youngstown.

Mrs. MARY SMITH, Burton.

## DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ORGANIZED JUNE 18, 1884.

\*TERESE E. HOLTHOUSE, *President* . . . . . Pittsburg.  
 MARTHA SCHRINER, *S. V. President* . . . . . Philadelphia.  
 EVA CRAVEN, *J. V. President* . . . . . Sharon.  
 ABBIE LYNCH, *Secretary* . . . . . Pittsburg.

*Delegate at large.*

\*Mrs. MAGGIE SIAS, Pittsburg.

*Delegates.*

Mrs. MINNIE FREYVOGLE, Pittsburg.

Mrs. MARY PORTER, Sharon.

Mrs. MARY HUWSEKER, Pittsburg.

Mrs. ANNIE STONEROD, Milesburg.

*Alternate.*

\*Mrs. ANNIE WITTENMEYER, Philadelphia.

## DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN.

ORGANIZED JUNE 26, 1884.

\*CLARA B. SLOANE, *President* . . . . . North La Crosse.  
 NELLIE J. BOOTH, *S. V. President* . . . . . Elroy.  
 \*MARY GALE, *J. V. President* . . . . . La Crosse.  
 \*SOPHIA NELSON, *Secretary* . . . . . La Crosse.

*Delegate at large.*

\*AMANDA BAILEY, Menomonie.

*Delegates.*

\*SOPHIA NELSON.

\*MARY JENEWEIN, Wonevoo.

*Alternate at large.*

\*JANE ALLISON.

*Alternates.*

SARAH CALKINS.

CORA MCCANLEY.

## CORPS IN STATES NOT ORGANIZED AS DEPARTMENTS.

## CALIFORNIA.

HEINTZLEMAN, No. 1, San Diego.

Mrs. MARY G. JONES . . . . . President.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND

	LINCOLN No. 3, <i>San Francisco.</i>	
Mrs. LIZZIE D. KINNE	. . . . .	President.
	JOHN A. DIX, No. 4, <i>San Jose.</i>	
Mrs. C. E. RUSSELL	. . . . .	President.

## DAKOTA.

	CARLTON, No. 1, <i>Parker.</i>	
Mrs. WM. M. MORTON	. . . . .	President.
*Mrs. M. BROOKS	. . . . .	S. V. President.
	KILPATRICK, No. 2, <i>Huron.</i>	
Mrs. J. A. SEYMOUR	. . . . .	President.
	JOE HOOKER, No. 3, <i>Sioux Falls.</i>	
*Mrs. ALMA S. BENNETT	. . . . .	President.
	PHIL KEARNY, No. 4, <i>Yankton.</i>	
Mrs. VIOLET W. MURPHY	. . . . .	President.
	C. C. WASHBURN, No. 5, <i>Egan.</i>	
Mrs. FANNIE P. ENO	. . . . .	President.

## NEW JERSEY.

	FRANK LLOYD, No. 1, <i>Old Bridge.</i>	
Mrs. ELIZABETH M. WORK	. . . . .	President.
	KEARNY JANEWAY, No. 2, <i>New Brunswick.</i>	
Mrs. ABBIE S. WHITTIER	. . . . .	President

## NEVADA.

	CUSTER, No. 1, <i>Carson City.</i>	
Mrs. H. K. CLAPP	. . . . .	President.

## MINNESOTA.

	STODDARD No. 1, <i>Worthington.</i>	
*Mrs. KATE R. TOWN	. . . . .	President.
	C. C. WASHBURN, No. 2, <i>Minneapolis.</i>	
*Mrs. M. J. MARSHALL	. . . . .	President.
	GEO. N. MORGAN, No. 4, <i>Minneapolis.</i>	
*Mrs. KATE C. WRIGHT	. . . . .	President.
	LEVI BUTLER, No. 3, <i>Minneapolis.</i>	
Mrs. MARY M. COOK	. . . . .	President.

## OREGON.

	SEDGWICK, No. 1, <i>Salem.</i>	
Mrs. EMMA CRAWFORD	. . . . .	President.
	GEO. WRIGHT, No. 2, <i>Portland.</i>	
Mrs. ROSA M. MARTIN	. . . . .	President.
	CUSHING, No. 3, <i>Astoria.</i>	
Mrs. LOUISA THOMES	. . . . .	President.

## MISSOURI.

JOE HOOKER, No. 1. *Cameron.*



Mrs. MARY A. BURNHAM . . . . . *President.*

STANTON, No. 2, *Carthage.*

Mrs. C. RAYSDALE . . . . . *President.*

FRANK P. BLAIR, No. 3, *St. Louis.*

ANNIE M. FRANCKE . . . . . *President.*

\*HANNAH STAWITZ. . . . .

CUSTER, No. 4, *St. Joseph.*

\*Mrs HELEN H. RICH . . . . . *President.*

\*ELLA G SHERWOOD. . . . .

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SHERIDAN, No. 1, *Weston.*

Mrs. S. JANE PEASE . . . . . *President.*

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Mrs LUCY P. GIBSON . . . . . *President.*

SEDGWICK, No. 3, *Brattleboro.*

Mrs. MINNIE G. HOOKER . . . . . *President.*

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CALLAIOUX, No. 1, *Norfolk.*

Mrs. MARY S. SMITH . . . . . *President.*

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STEVENS, No. 1, *Seattle.*

Mrs. VIOLA A. KENYON . . . . . *President.*

\*MAGGIE A. BYWATER. . . . .

CUSTER, No. 2, *Takoma.*

Mrs. FRANCIS BARLOW . . . . . *President.*

It having been announced in General Order, No. 2, that there would be an exemplification of the ritual during the convention, it was decided it should be given at this session. Question was raised on the propriety of permitting the members of Levi Butler Relief Corps, No. 3, of Minneapolis, to witness the work, inasmuch as the report of the organization of the Corps had not been received at National Headquarters; but the Corps President vouched that the Post Commander had sent the official report, and the National President gave the Corps President, Mrs. Mary M. Cook, some instructions in the private work of the Order. Moved by Mrs. Sherwood that those ladies in the city, from towns where no Corps exist, but who desire to form auxiliaries, and provided they bear credentials from a Post, shall be initiated during this convention. Carried. Before proceeding with the exemplification, the National President invited Mrs. Goodale, of Massachusetts, to act as President, Mrs. Sherwood as Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Stimson, Col., Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Brown, of Kansas, Chaplain, and Mrs. Goodale invited Mrs. Turner, of Massachusetts, to assist as Conductor, Mrs. Chipman, Massachusetts, as Guard. The candidate to be initiated was Mrs. Abbie M. Gannett, of Malden, Mass., who had been previously proposed and elected regularly in Major Gen. Hiram

At the close of the work, some questions arose on the sign of recognition and salute of our Order, and after instructions by the acting President, the National Secretary was requested to explain the instructions that had been sent by letter to all Corps Presidents, who had been installed by a Post Commander, or other Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Motion by Mrs. Fuller, of Massachusetts, seconded by Mrs. Goodale, that the voting sign of the Order shall be the raising of the right hand, and quite a lengthy debate followed. Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Goodale both spoke strongly in favor of the motion, also Mrs. Nichols of New York. Mrs. Sherwood strongly defended the aye and no manner of voting, and stated very clearly her reasons for advocating the same.

The previous question being called, President called for an aye and no vote, and the vote was doubted, and a rising vote was called, which showed forty-five in favor and twenty-three against the original motion. Moved by Mrs. Sherwood that a Committee on Nominations be appointed, amended by Miss Allie Myers, of Kansas, that the National President, with the several Department Presidents, appoint such committee, and the amendment was carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bowen, of Nebraska, to adjourn to ten o'clock Thursday morning. Carried, and the meeting was so adjourned.

## SECOND DAY

MINNEAPOLIS, JULY 24, 1884.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention was called to order Thursday at 10 A. M., by the National President, Miss Lenora Sherwood, of Toledo, Ohio, acting as Conductor. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the two previous sessions were read, and, with slight corrections, approved.

Report of the Committee on Credentials being called, it was moved by Mrs. Sherwood that the report as offered should be accepted. Carried unanimously.

The Committee on Credentials made report that they had examined all credentials presented, and were satisfied that the credentials, with the list of Corps Presidents entered upon the National Secretary's roll-book, and indorsed by the regular election returns, received at National Headquarters, presented a correct list of officers, delegates, and alternates as members of the convention. Previous to the report of the Committee on Credentials, delegations had been allowed to retire and fill vacancies from members from their several States. During the calling of the roll, the Guard announced the presence of Gen. Logan and other members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the anteroom, and the President declared the business of convention suspended, and instructed the Conductor to

retire and introduce the guests. Conductor re-entered the hall, escorting Gen. Logan, Gen. Negley of Pennsylvania, Ex-Governor Fairchilds of Wisconsin, and Gen. Stone of Iowa, who were received by the President in a word of welcome, and the convention gave the salute of the Order, which was acknowledged by the Comrades with the military salute. After the guests were seated, Gen. Logan was invited to address the ladies, which he did in words of warmest encouragement, with a glowing tribute to the work of women during the Rebellion. Ex-Governor Fairchilds was next introduced, and he also expressed great satisfaction in meeting so large a body of ladies, so systematically organized to work in the interest of the veteran soldier and sailor. Gen. Negley then spoke very eloquently of the work of woman, and of this Order as an evidence of the unforgetfulness of women to the men who stood for liberty and a united country.

Gen. Stone gave some amusing anecdotes of the war in connection with Gen. Logan's command. The President then returned the thanks of the ladies for this fraternal visit and the evident interest of the Comrades in the work of our Order. An intermission was declared and an informal reception was held.

After business was resumed the committee of Presidents reported the names of a Committee on Nominations as follows: At large, Miss Elliott, Massachusetts; Mrs. Anderson, Kansas; Mrs. Jones, New York; Mrs. Marshall, Iowa; Mrs. Bowen, Nebraska; Mrs. Sias, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Kent, New Hampshire; Mrs. Allison, Wisconsin; Mrs. Healy, Connecticut; Mrs. Bergen, Ohio; Mrs. Bradford, Michigan; Mrs. Hale, Illinois; Mrs. Stimson, Colorado; and Mrs. Beedle, Massachusetts.

Motion by Mrs. Sherwood that all resolutions and suggestions relating to the work of our Order be submitted to a Committee on Resolutions, and that committee to report as promptly as possible, carried, and President appointed as that committee Mrs. Clark, of Ohio; Mrs. Bowen, of Nebraska; Mrs. Haynes, of Kansas; Mrs. Fuller, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Shank, of Michigan.

As the calling of the roll was interrupted by the arrival of the visiting Comrades, a motion was offered to dispense with it for this session. Carried. Mrs. Turner, of Massachusetts, suggested to the convention the importance of all Corps or Department Presidents ordering supplies and sending all remittances for money to Department or Corps Treasurers; charter fees alone to be sent to Secretaries; also calling attention to the new blank books which had been prepared for the special use of the Order. Motion being offered to adjourn, it was carried, and the meeting stood adjourned till 2 P. M.



## AFTERNOON SESSION, THURSDAY.

Meeting was called at 2.30 P. M. by the National President, who stated that the ladies were invited by the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to witness the dress parade at 6 P. M.

Mrs. Sherwood presented a resolution in reference to honorary membership, and that Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort be the first honorary member. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Goodale then presented the report of Committee on Reports of Officers as follows:—

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:—

*First.* Most heartily do we indorse the reports of the officers, and especially call your attention to those articles referring to loyal ladies. We heartily concur in the remarks of the National President, believing it would be a stain upon our organization should we vote to debar loyal ladies from our Order.

*Second.* We also believe it to be a wise suggestion that the office of Secretary of National and Department Corps be made an appointive one.

*Third.* The Advisory Board recommended we also consider a very wise suggestion.

*Fourth.* We appreciate and indorse every word of our Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Sherwood, in her remarks on the *National Tribune*, for we feel that to it we are greatly indebted.

*Fifth.* And now we come to the recommendation regarding army nurses; we feel that a fund for that purpose would give us an opportunity for much good, and we recommend that action be taken upon the matter. The allusion of our National Secretary to the pleasant, harmonious relations existing between all members of the official staff should be an example to one and all.

MRS. M. S. BERGEN.

MRS. S. C. NICHOLS.

MRS. L. M. MERRILL.

MRS. T. E. HOLTHOUSE.

MRS. M. S. GOODALE.

Mrs. Gannett, of Massachusetts, by invitation of the National President, made an appeal in behalf of Miss Carroll and offered a set of resolutions, which were very carefully prepared, and on motion of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Goodale, the resolutions were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas*, By the Miscellaneous Document No. 58 of the Forty-Fifth Congress, second session, House of Representatives, Anna Ella Carroll, of Maryland, is proved to have been the author of that military plan which, carried into execution by the Army of the West, decided the fate of the Union in the stress of the great Civil War, the Military Committee of four different Congresses reporting such to be the case, and Miss Carroll's claims to recognition and remuneration established beyond dispute; and

*Whereas*, Congress has ever remained blind to her great work, and neglectful as regards her just claims, and Miss Carroll being now so conditioned as to call for the active sympathy of every true lover of greatness as thus exhibited: therefore

*Resolved*, By the Woman's Relief Corps now gathered in National Convention, that we consider it our highest privilege to testify to the genius of Anna Ella Carroll; her signally great, loyal, and unselfish services for our country, and to the fact that she commands the ardent admiration and gratitude of every woman in the land, and especially of the women who compose this organization, representing as they do the kindred of the brave men whose duty it was to maintain the national integrity in the days of its sternest trials, for her work tended to shorten the strife, prevent the expenditure of greater treasure, and to preserve to the nation and the homes unnumbered precious human lives.

*Resolved*, That we contemplate with deep sorrow the great injustice which she suffered, in that Congress has for many years failed to recognize her claims and remunerate this truest woman patriot, so that now she may almost be said to have learned in her advanced years, her poverty and her illness, the bitter lesson that "republics are ungrateful."

*Resolved*, That we congratulate the Grand Army of the Republic, to which we are auxiliary, upon their righteous intention of taking action in behalf of Miss Carroll, in order that her great wrongs, so far as it is possible, may be redressed; and we hasten to assure them of our heartfelt sympathy in the movement, and our desire to co-operate with them to any extent that lies within our power.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, as accepted, be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic in present Encampment.

Mrs. Wittenmeyer gave some very interesting remarks in reference to Mother Bickerdyke, a well-known army nurse.

The question of eligibility was then presented and an earnest debate followed. Mrs. Bennett, of Dakota, read a long and ably prepared paper opposed to the admission of loyal ladies, followed by Mrs. Jones, of New York, who spoke earnestly in favor of their admission. Motion being offered by Mrs. Sherwood, it was voted to limit members to five minutes' speeches. Mrs. Rich, of Missouri, Mrs. Goodale, of Massachusetts, Mrs. Sine, of Illinois, Mrs. Howard, of Nebraska, Mrs. Carr, of Colorado, Mrs. Dawson, of Iowa, Mrs. Painter, of Nebraska, Mrs. King, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Sherwood took part. Mrs. Sherwood spoke with much earnestness in favor of the admission to our ranks of every truly loyal woman. Time being called, a motion was offered that it be extended; carried unanimously; and her remarks had great weight, as they were both logical and fraternal. Mrs. Franklin, of Nebraska, followed in some very earnest remarks. The



National President read extracts from the report of National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also stated the publicly expressed opinions of many prominent Comrades. The National Secretary read letters from Mrs. Getchell, President of Custer Corps, No. 5, Lewiston, Me., and Mrs. Foster, Department Secretary of New Hampshire. Miss Garard, of Iowa, also took part in the discussion. Question being called, the resolution to admit all loyal ladies was adopted by a vote of seventy-six in favor and seven opposed.

Mrs. Clark, of Ohio, chairman of Committee on Resolutions, then presented her report as follows:—

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We have the honor to recommend the following sections, believing them to be for the mutual benefit of our Order, viz.:—

*First.* The adoption of the resolution presented by Mrs. Sherwood on the memorial to Congress in behalf of Miss Carroll.

*Second.* We favor the adoption of the recommendation given in National President's report that Secretary be appointed by President at time of installation. In addition, we advise that removal from this office can only be accomplished by President upon specific charges, the same to be sustained by two-thirds vote of the assembly.

*Third.* We would recommend that National and Department Secretary receive remuneration for duties performed. The National Convention to determine amount of National Secretary, and Department Convention to determine amount of Department Secretary.

*Fourth.* Resolved, that Corps, Departments and National Relief Corps be allowed to elect one honorary member at each annual meeting, from among the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, in consideration of special services, and that Paul Van Der Voort, past Commander-in-Chief, be our first honorary member.

*Fifth.* We recommend that each Corps, where it is deemed best for the good of the organization, hold and disburse its own relief fund

*Sixth.* We recommend that blanks be furnished Department Treasurers for report of finances

*Seventh.* We recommend the following changes in blanks furnished subordinate Corps and Department Secretary for quarterly report:—

1. That expended for relief, be followed by a blank for that statement.
2. Amount of money turned over to Post be followed by blank for same.
3. That amount of relief fund on hand in Corps reports have a corresponding blank in quarterly report.
4. That Corps blanks call for a report of general fund on hand.
5. That Corps blanks call for number of families assisted

*Eighth.* That a sign of recognition be adopted by the National Order for the mutual recognition of members of the Woman's Relief Corps and Grand Army of the Republic.

*Ninth.* Resolved, That we adopt the Good and Welfare Card offered by Mrs. Sherwood for use in Corps meetings to relieve the abruptness of closing.

*Tenth.* Whereas, Mother Bickerdyke was one of the most untiring and efficient



workers in the relief work during the war, and whereas she is now, at the age of seventy, in poverty, therefore resolved, that we ask Corps to contribute for her help through the Treasurer, and that we believe she should receive a liberal pension from the government.

ADA F CLARK, *Chairman*, OHIO.

JULIA S. BOWEN, NEBRASKA.

ELLA W. SHANK, MICHIGAN.

C. H. HAYNES, KANSAS.

S. E. FULLER, MASSACHUSETTS.

The report of the committee was accepted, but special action was called on several sections. Mrs. Sherwood moved that the recommendation of the National President relating to the appointment of National and Department Secretaries be sustained by the convention. Discussed by Mrs. Nichols of New York, Mrs. Wittenmeyer of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Stimson of Colorado, Mrs. Jones of New York, Mrs. Fuller of Massachusetts, Mrs. Shank of Michigan. An amendment was offered by Mrs. Bradford of Michigan, seconded by Mrs. Sherwood, that the Rule be extended to Corps Secretaries. Ruled by the President that the amendment could not now be entertained, and the original motion prevailed. It was also decided that the National and Department Secretary could only be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

*Voted*, That the recommendation that a sign of recognition be adopted by the National Order for the mutual recognition of members of the Woman's Relief Corps and Grand Army of the Republic be referred to the next National Convention.

*Voted*, That a relief fund be established by National Headquarters and Departments, to be disbursed by the Presidents of the same, to meet the cases of needy army nurses and other women who have no recognition from the government for important services rendered, and whose cases do not properly come under the work of local Corps.

*Voted*, That the National Advisory Board shall consist of the retiring President, E. Florence Barker, and the Department Presidents and the official staff.

That Departments be allowed to hold their Annual Conventions at the same time and place of the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, time being extended to March 1. (See Rules and Regulations.)

That we co-operate with the Grand Army of the Republic in securing from Congress a substantial recognition of the services of Anna Ella Carroll, who spent a fortune for her country, and is now suffering for hospital attendance and the common necessities of life; also, of all army nurses and others who have rendered like services and are suffering from present neglect.

That a Good and Welfare Card, with questions and responses, be adopted as a proper closing for every Corps, to be issued with the supplies of the same.

Question being raised on the location of Department Headquarters, the President stated her ruling had always been that Headquarters should be fixed by Department Presidents, and the convention voted to sustain that

The Committee on Resolutions also offered the following, and they were unanimously adopted : —

*Resolved*, That we tender our most sincere thanks to the citizens of Minneapolis, and especially to ladies of the several Relief Corps, who have so handsomely contributed to our comfort and pleasure; also to the press for favors extended.

*Resolved*, That our most heartfelt thanks be extended to Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort, Robert B. Beath, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, and his aids. To Gens. Logan, Negley and Stone, and Gov. Fairchild, and all members of Grand Army of the Republic who have encouraged us with their presence and words of cheer.

*Resolved*, That thanks are due our National officers for the courteous manner in which they conducted this convention, and we assure them they will ever be held in grateful remembrance for the thorough and efficient work they have accomplished during the past year, which has so much contributed to our present success.

*Resolved*, That the citizens of Minneapolis and railroad officials be ever remembered with kindness for innumerable favors during our visit.

ADA CLARK, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Recognizing the assistance rendered the Relief-Corps work during the past year by Commander-in-Chief Beath, a committee consisting of Mrs. Lottie M. Myers of Ohio, Mrs. L. H. Brown of Kansas, Miss M. E. Elliott of Massachusetts, were appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of appreciation, and that committee submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted : —

*Resolved*, That the loyal women of America, as represented in the Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army, recognize with grateful hearts the chivalrous and soldierly sympathy and co-operation of the Commander-in-Chief in the first year of our work as a national organization.

*Resolved*, That as the united testimony of the members of our Order, we owe much of the unexampled prosperity which has attended the organization of Corps and Departments in the East and West, and in the awakening of a warm-hearted interest in our work among the Comrades of the Grand Army.

*Resolved*, That being deeply sensible of the high character and exalted services of the Commander-in-Chief, we beg to assure him that his good work in our behalf will be cherished in our hearts so long as we shall live to perpetuate the memories of our beloved Comrade.

MRS. LOTTIE M. MYERS.  
MRS. LOUISE H. BROWN.  
MISS MARY E. ELLIOTT.

*Voted*. That Corps Secretary shall also be appointed by the Corps President, to be removed from office only by a two-thirds vote of the Corps.

Moved by Mrs. Nichols that we adjourn to 9 A. M., Friday. Carried.

## FRIDAY.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 25, 1884.

Convention called to order at 9.45 A.M., by the National President, with Mrs. Cora Day Young, of Ohio, acting as Conductor. After the roll of convention was called, the Finance Committee, Mrs. M. S. Goodale, Mrs. E. B. Wheeler, and Miss M. E. Elliott of Massachusetts, reported that the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer had been examined and found correct. Miss Elliott presented the report of the Nominating Committee, as follows:—

*President*, MRS. E. FLORENCE BARKER, Malden, Mass.

*Senior Vice-President*, MRS. KATE B. SHERWOOD, Toledo, Ohio.

*Junior Vice-President*, MRS. LIZZIE ANDERSON, Topeka, Kansas.

*Treasurer*, MRS. LIZABETH A. TURNER, Boston, Mass.

*Inspector*, MRS. CLARA B. SLOANE, LaCrosse, Wis.

*Chaplain*, MRS. C. L. BRADFORD, Muskegon, Mich.

*Conductor*, MRS. SARAH C. NICHOLS, Auburn, N.Y.

*Guard*, MRS. EMMA HALE, Rockford, Ill.

The report was accepted and committee discharged.

Voted on motion by Mrs. Fuller, that we proceed to the election of officers.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Wittenmeyer, that we elect officers in same manner as the Grand Army of the Republic, and that nominations be made from the floor.

President appointed as tellers, Mrs. Clark of Ohio, Miss Garard of Iowa, Mrs. Wittenmeyer of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Keifer of Connecticut, Mrs. Goodale of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Brown of Kansas.

The roll of States being called, resulted in the choice of Mrs. E. Florence Barker for President. Mrs. Barker expressed her thanks for the unanimous expression of respect and appreciation, but having devoted so much time to this work, felt she must be relieved, and therefore declined the honor of a re-election.

The names of Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Goodale were then put in nomination. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Goodale declined to accept the nomination. An informal ballot was taken.

Whole number of votes cast, 60; necessary to a choice, 31. Mrs. Myers, of Ohio, had 1; Mrs. Barker, of Massachusetts, 2; Mrs. Fuller, of Massachusetts, 4; Mrs. Turner, Massachusetts, 4; Mrs. Sherwood, Ohio, 49. Moved and carried that Mrs. Sherwood's election be made unanimous.

Ballot for Senior-Vice President. The names of Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Beedle, and Mrs. Dawson were put in nomination. Mrs. Turner pos-



Whole number votes cast, 60; necessary to a choice, 31; Mrs. Turner, of Massachusetts, 1; Mrs. Goodale, of Massachusetts, 2; Mrs. Beedle, of Massachusetts, 3; Mrs. Anderson, of Kansas, 4; Mrs. Keifer, of Connecticut, 5; Mrs. Dawson, of Iowa, 5; Mrs. Fuller, of Massachusetts, 40. Mrs. Fuller having the largest number of votes, it was voted to make her election unanimous.

Ballot for Junior Vice-President. The names of Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hampton, and Mrs. Sine were put in nomination.

Whole number of votes cast, 52; necessary to a choice, 27. Mrs. Adams, of Massachusetts, 1; Mrs. Sine, of Illinois, 1; Mrs. Hampton, of Michigan, 3; Mrs. Brown, of Kansas, 9; Mrs. Anderson, of Kansas, 38. Mrs. Anderson was then elected on motion to make the election unanimous.

Ballot for Treasurer:—

Voted the Secretary should cast the vote of convention for Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner for Treasurer, and Mrs. Turner was declared unanimously elected as Treasurer.

Ballot for Inspector:—

The names of Mrs. Kent of New Hampshire, Mrs. Nichols of New York, and Mrs. Sloane of Wisconsin, were put in nomination. Mrs. Kent positively declined to accept the nomination, and upon ballot, Mrs. Nichols, of Auburn, N. Y., was declared elected as Inspector.

Ballot for Chaplain:—

The election of Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer was made by acclamation.

Ballot for Conductor:—

The names of Mrs. King, Mrs. Keifer, and Mrs. Sine were put in nomination.

Whole number of votes cast, 58; necessary to a choice, 30. Mrs. Keifer, of Connecticut, 14; Mrs. Sine, of Illinois, 17; Mrs. King, of Nebraska, 27; and there was no choice.

Second ballot:—

Whole number of votes cast, 52; necessary to a choice, 27. Mrs. Sloane, of Wisconsin, 2; Mrs. Keifer, of Connecticut, 15; Mrs. Sine, of Illinois, 19; Mrs. King, of Nebraska, 22; and there was no choice.

Third ballot:—

Whole number of votes cast, 57; necessary to a choice, 27. Mrs. Keifer, of Connecticut, 2; Mrs. King, of Nebraska, 25; Mrs. Sias, of Pennsylvania, 30; and Mrs. Sias was declared elected.

Ballot for Guard:—

The names of Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Wade, and Mrs. Maish were put in nomination.

Whole number of votes cast, 47; necessary to a choice, 24. Mrs. Wade, 5; Mrs. Kent, 9; Mrs. Carr, 19; Mrs. Maish, of Colorado, 23.

Failing to secure an election on the third ballot, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of convention for Mrs. Maish, and Mrs. Maish was declared elected.

All of the officers elect returned thanks for the honor conferred by the election. By courtesy of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the ladies were invited to hold their installation of officers in connection with that of the National officers of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Colosseum in the afternoon. It was the general expression of the convention that the honor of the invitation was fully appreciated, and it was voted unanimously to accept the same. Some of the officers elect being doubtful of remaining in the city till the hour appointed for installation, it was decided to obligate the officers at this meeting. The President elect, Mrs. Sherwood, announced the probable appointment of Miss Emma D. Sibley of Toledo, Ohio, as National Secretary. As Miss Sibley was widely known as an efficient member of Forsyth Relief Corps, No. 1, of Toledo, Ohio, the appointment was received with satisfaction.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Sherwood, to present to the retiring National President a suitable testimonial in recognition of the faithful and untiring services rendered by her to the Order during the first year of its history.

Mrs. Fuller, chairman of the Badge Committee, submitted designs for a membership badge, and also a badge for National officers, and the report was accepted and designs adopted.

Committee on Testimonial to Mrs. Barker: Mrs. Emma S. Hampton, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Cora Day Young, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, Topeka, Kansas; Mrs. Adaline P. Kent, Portsmouth, N. H.

*Voted*, That the retiring President send a letter to Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort, expressing the appreciation of the members of the Woman's Relief Corps for his efforts to sustain and extend our Order.

No further business coming before the convention, it was voted to adjourn, and President declared the convention adjourned.

At 3 P. M. the delegates of the Woman's Relief Corps met at the Colosseum, and were escorted to seats on the platform to witness the installation of the National officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, which service was performed by the retiring Commander-in-Chief, Robert B. Beath. At the conclusion of the service, the National officers of the Woman's Relief Corps were installed by the retiring National President, Mrs. E. Florence Barker, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Mansfield Irving, of Ohio, as Chaplain, and Mrs. M. Susie Goodale, of Massachusetts, as Conductor. Mrs. Barker performed the service in a beautiful and impressive manner, and as Comrades and ladies were led in fervent, solemn prayer by Mrs. Irving, all present felt a reconsecration to our noble work. After remarks by several Comrades, Mrs. Sherwood, National President, was introduced, and in her most pleasing manner gave a synopsis of the Order she was so proud to represent. With the conclusion of this service closed the formal exercises of the Second National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.



## GENERAL ORDER, NO. 1.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
12 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON, Sept. 1, 1883.

Upon assuming the duties of National President, I desire to express my grateful thanks to the members of our Order for the honor conferred by their action in placing me in this responsible position. Trusting I may prove worthy the same, and praying the folds of the cloak of charity may fall over the many mistakes of my administration, and the earnest heart atone for the errors of the head, I commit myself to this Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Realizing somewhat the great responsibility, I assume the work of the ensuing year with many misgivings, yet the past record of the competent corps of officers associated with me assures me that, with the best efforts of every member of our Order, much good work may be accomplished during the first year of our national organization. I trust we shall prove worthy the endorsement of the Seventeenth National Encampment, having secured their approval, standing second to that most glorious charitable organization in this land a society embracing every color, every nation, and every religion, the Grand Army of the Republic. Let us remember we are banded together in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic. While working in unison with them, we can accomplish great results and build well the structure we hope will stand years after the watchful Comrades have left, as they must, their unfinished work to our willing hands.

The first official recognition and endorsement of our work as an "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic" was given by the Department Encampment of Massachusetts, in Boston, January, 1881. Later on, in June, 1881, the Fifteenth National Encampment, held at Indianapolis, Ind., unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing the Order, as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. From that time onward the interest has steadily increased, culminating in the invitation contained in Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort's General Order, No. 11, to representatives of Woman's Relief Corps, and all other auxiliaries to the Grand Army of the Republic, to meet at Denver, Col., July 25, 1883, to perfect a National Order. This invitation was responded to by a large number of the active, earnest workers in the soldier work, and the national organization of the Woman's Relief Corps perfected.

Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Beath, in his General Order, No. 1, warmly indorses the work of the Woman's Relief Corps and with such indorsements as these we should be prepared to move on, working earnestly to make the Order worthy of such favorable consideration. We have now the privilege of gaining for our National Order the confidence of the



veterans. Let us strive to accomplish the fulfilment of the most sanguine hopes of our earnest advocates among the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the performance of the sacred duty of caring for the needy and helpless ones left to our care by those

" Who living were true and tried for us,  
And dying sleep side by side for us;  
That noble band  
That hallowed the land  
With the blood they shed as a tide for us,"

find our reward.

I desire my sisters to consider well the choice of officers in the formation of Corps, and, laying aside all personal preference, call to the several chairs those members who will study to fill well the office, and to honor it as it well deserves. Having secured a faithful board of officers, add to their ability your most earnest work for the good of the Order. Let the watchword of the Relief Corps be, Work; the requisition for membership, Are you ready to work?

Attention is called to the following:—

I. Not less than five Subordinate Corps may be organized as a Department by the National President, upon application to National Headquarters.

II. Until a Department is formed in any State, Subordinate Corps may be formed upon application to National Headquarters. The application for a charter shall be signed by at least ten persons eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, and shall in all cases be accompanied by the charter fee of five dollars.

III. After the institution of a Corps in those States not having a Department, requisitions for supplies, books, and papers of the Order should be made on the National Treasurer.

IV. In those States where no Corps exists, or when remote from members of our Order, and to save heavy travelling expenses, Post Commanders are respectfully invited to act as installing officers for new Corps, receiving in trust the charter and supplies, delivering the same to the Corps President upon her installation into office.

V. Let every officer, National, Department, or Corps, attend promptly and faithfully to the respective duties of her office, and it will greatly facilitate the work of the Order.

Realizing the great honor conferred upon us and the bright prospects with which we enter upon the first year of our national organization, we invite every patriotic woman to enter our ranks and unite with us in this ceaseless work.

E. FLORENCE BARKER,

*National President.*

SARAH E. FULLER,

**GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 2.**

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.,  
BOSTON, May 26, 1884.

I. Pursuant to a vote passed at the First National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, fixing the time of annual convention of this organization at the same time and place of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Second National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will convene at Minneapolis, Minn., July 23 and 24.

II. National Headquarters during the convention will be established at the West Hotel. The arrangements for the entertainment of members, railroad fares, etc., are as yet incomplete; but notices will be issued as soon as possible.

III. It is expected there will be a reception held by the National officers on Tuesday evening, July 22.

IV. In order to enable the National Secretary and Treasurer to prepare the annual reports, it is important that all reports and returns should be forwarded to these headquarters on or before July 10, and Department and Corps Presidents are charged to see that all such returns are promptly made before that date. Also all Departments or Corps that are indebted for supplies must cancel the same before the above date.

V. The first year of our history as a national organization has been one of great prosperity, exceeding, perhaps, the highest expectations of its most sanguine friends. Seven Departments have been organized since January, making a total of nine Departments fully formed; and it is confidently expected that six more will be organized before National Convention. It is hoped that each Department will be fully represented in that meeting.

VI. In those States where Departments are not organized, Corps Presidents will be allowed to represent the Order, and in the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President will act as her alternate. The proceedings of the convention will be open to all members of the Order.

VII. The attention of Department and Corps Presidents throughout the Order is called to the fact that the National Treasurer is now prepared to issue a full set of books, specially prepared for use in our Order. The want of such books has long been felt, and Comrade E. B. Stillings, of Boston, who has prepared many of the books and papers now in use in the Grand Army of the Republic, has spared no pains to make these books such as we desired. The first cost is at a slight advance over ordinary blank-books, but these are so arranged as to greatly simplify the work of Corps

Secretaries and Treasurers, and also that of the Auditing Committee. Department Presidents are advised to order sample sets.

E FLORENCE BARKER,  
*National President.*

SARAH E. FULLER,  
*National Secretary.*

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### GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 3.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.,  
BOSTON, June 23, 1884.

I. The First Annual National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24, for the annual election of officers, and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

II. National Headquarters, during the convention, will be established at the West Hotel, where the National officers, when not in attendance at the convention, will be happy to receive all members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and visiting friends.

III. The roll of convention will be called at 10 A.M., Wednesday.

IV. All officers and members are requested to appear with badges.

V. The proceedings of the convention will be open to all members of the Order, but only those entitled to seats will be allowed a voice or vote.

VI. An exemplification of the ritual will be given some time during the meeting.

VII. Attention is called to Rules and Regulations, Chap. IV., Art. II., Sect. 2. and 3, edition of 1883, viz.: Corps and Departments in arrears for reports or dues shall be excluded from representation in National Convention, until the same are forwarded; and while it is not expected to enforce that law on this, the first year of our existence as a national body, yet it is very important that every possible effort should be made, both by Corps and Department Presidents, to cancel all indebtedness.

VIII. The growth of our Order during the year has been almost unprecedented, and it is earnestly hoped that every delegate or alternate will make an effort to attend this meeting, as important business will come before us. Much of our future success depends upon the wise legislation of this convention.

IX. Department Presidents are especially requested to prepare a report to present at this meeting, showing as far as possible the true condition of the Order in their respective Departments; also embodying such suggestions and recommendations as may have occurred to them in the work during the



X. All applications for tickets must be made to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the several Departments, where tickets for the various railroad routes may be procured at the reduced rates furnished Grand Army of the Republic delegates to the National Convention. Fare for round trip from Boston to Minneapolis and return will be \$37.

XI. Members who desire room and board, and have not already secured them, should correspond direct with Department Commander E. C. Babb, Minneapolis, Minn.

XII. It is expected that there will be an open meeting held at some time during our stay at Minneapolis, at which time we hope to meet the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and other officers and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and friends who are interested in our Order. Let every member go prepared to work for the highest good of the Order, and to render our first annual gathering a pleasant and profitable one for all.

XIII. The local committee have not yet selected a hall for the convention, but assure us one shall be provided, the location of which will be duly announced in the Minneapolis papers.

E. FLORENCE BARKER,  
*National President.*

SARAH E. FULLER,  
*National Secretary.*

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Held at Greeley, Colo., March 13 and 14, 1889.  
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## PROCEEDINGS.

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The Fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Colorado met in Greeley, Colorado, March 13, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by the Department President, Augusta B. Henderson.

The following appointments were made:

Assistant Secretary, Lettie L. Kessler, Corps No. 1; Conductor, Francis I. Klock, Corps No. 6; Assistant Conductor, Jennie McGill, Corps No. 1; Guard, Agnes E. Neff, Corps No. 15; Assistant Guard; Sarah Beeman, Corps No. 15; Chaplain (pro tem), Emily H. Jones, Corps No. 15.

After the opening ode and prayer, the Department President in a few words of greeting formally declared the Fifth Annual Convention opened for business.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll of the Convention showing forty-seven representatives and delegates present.



## **PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS.**

**FOR 1884 AND 1885.**

**CATHERINE C. KENNEDY.**

**FOR 1886 AND 1887.**

**MARY JEWETT TELFORD.**

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## **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.**

**1889.**

~~AUGUSTA~~ B. HENDERSON, President, Denver, Colo.  
SARAH A. HOGARTY, Senior Vice-President, Greeley, Colo.  
SARAH HAMM, Junior Vice-President, Leadville, Colo.  
EMILY R. COHEN, Secretary, Denver, Colo.  
LETTIE L. KESSLER, Treasurer, Denver, Colo.  
EMILY R. MEREDITH, Chaplain, Denver, Colo.  
CATHERINE C. KENNEDY, Counselor, Denver, Colo.  
LIDA E. FITCH, Inspector, Laramie, Wyo.  
PHILLIS CARLETON, Chief I. and I. Officer, Glenwood Springs.

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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

CHALOTTE COE, Golden, Colo.  
M. BERWICK-ANDERSON, Boulder, Colo.  
NELLIE B. STOLBRAND, Fort Collins, Colo.  
AMERICA ANDERSON, Denver, Colo.  
FRANCIS I. KLOCK, Denver, Colo.

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## **DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.**

**EUGENIA OLNEY.**

### **ALTERNATE.**

**LYDIA C. HERRIOTT.**

*Gunnison Corps, No. 12, Gunnison.*

Past President, Maria L. Tidd; Judith F. Woodward;  
Jessie Sharp Purrier.  
President, Eugenie Olney.\*  
Delegate, Clara Herrick.

*Veteran Corps, No. 14, Denver.*

Past Presidents, Olive Hogle;\* Jeannette Todd; Emily Cohen.  
President, Mary J. Handyside.\*  
Delegates, Jennie B. Melburn;\* Salome Jones;\* Mrs. Meredith.\*  
Alternates, Susan Waters; Susan Bozzard; Mary Hague.

*U. S. Grant Corps, No. 15, Greeley.*

Past Presidents, Emily H. Jones;\* Climena G. Howard;  
Sarah A. Hogarty.\*  
President, Climena G. Howard.\*  
Delegates, Josephine Cheeseman;\* Harriet S. Williams;\*  
Lizzie Steele.\*  
Alternates, Sarah S. Marsh; Jennie L. Southward; Sarah Beeman.

*Grand Junction Corps No. 17, Grand Junction.*

Past Presidents, Francis J. Sutton; Ella B. Ackerman.  
President, Jennie Sumner.\*  
Delegate, Harriet E. Abbey.  
Alternate, C. Wheeler.

*Greenwood Corps, No. 18, Canon City.*

Past Presidents, Lizzie A. Spreyer; Lucretia A. Dobson;\*  
Mary E. Godfrey.  
President, Lizzie A. Spreyer.\*  
Delegates, Lottie Rickard; Marion Cole.  
Alternates, Victoria Gillet; Mattie Murphy.

*Winfield Scott Corps, No. 19, Aspen.*

Past Presidents, Emma S. Gartley; Laura M. Freeman.  
President, Martha Mattoon.  
Delegate, Lizzie White.  
Alternate, Mary Eastman.

*Custer Corps, No. 20, Laramie, Wyo.*

Past President, Sarah W. Pease.  
President, Anna Yelton.  
Delegates, Lida Fitch;\* Sarah Gardiner.\*  
Alternates, Hallie Houston, Mollie Ingersoll.

*E. R. S. Canby Corps, No. 21, Trinidad.*

Past Presidents, Enola Grass; Abbie Dodd.  
President, Effie Gavitt.\*

## FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,

*E. D. Baker Corps, No. 22, Idaho Springs.*

Past President, Emma Plummer.

President, Emma Plummer.\*

Delegate, Georgia Beers.\*

Alternate, M. C. Stevens.

*W. S. Hancock Corps, No. 23, Glenwood Springs.*

Past President, Phillis Carleton\*

President, Myra Ross.

Delegate, Olive Thorsen.

Alternate, Mattie Hooker.

*Evans Corps, No. 24, Evans.*

Past President, L. C. Herriott.

President, Lydia C. Herriott.\*

Delegate, Nellie Flint.

Alternate, Emma Westover.

*Thornburg Corps, No. 25, Georgetown.*

President, Mrs. Mary Collins.\*

*George H. Thomas Corps, No. 26, Fort Collins.*

President, Nellie B. Stolbrand.\*

*Nathaniel Lyon Corps, No. 27, Boulder.*

President, M. Berwick Anderson.

Those present are marked with an asterisk.

On motion of Mrs. Hogle, duly seconded, Mrs. Hadley of Relief Corps No. 19 was allowed a seat in the convention. Moved by Mrs. Kennedy seconded by Mrs. Handyside that Mrs. Mandeville of Relief Corps No. 27, also take a seat with the delegates. Carried.

The following committees were announced:

On Installations: { Clementine L. Hawes, of No. 15.  
 { Lizzie Spreyer, " 18.  
 { Francis Klock, " 6.

Presidents address: { Climena Howard of No. 15.  
 { Emma Plummer, " 22.  
 { Parthenia M'Beth, " 6.

S. & J. V. Pres. address: { Sarah Hamm, of No. 8.  
 { M. B. Anderson, " 27.  
 { Susan Searle, " 26.



Secretary's report:	{	Lou Hadley of No. 19.
	{	Lettie Kessler " 1.
	{	Fannie Hardin, " 6.
Treasurer's report:	{	Charlotte Coe, of No. 5.
	{	Phillis Carleton, " 23.
	{	Jennie Sumner, " 17.
Chaplain's report:	{	Emily Meredith, of No. 14.
	{	Mrs. Mandeville, " 26.
	{	Sallie J. Essington, " 2.
Inspector's report:	{	Catherine C. Kennedy, No. 1.
	{	Lucretia Dobson, of No. 18.
	{	Camilla Smith, " 8.
I. and I. O. report:	{	Francis Klock, of No. 6.
	{	Lydia C. Herriott, " 24.
	{	Jennie Remine, " 3.
Com. on Resolutions:	{	Eugenia Olney, of No. 12.
	{	Mary Collins, " 26.
	{	Annie Yelton, " 20.

Moved to adjourn to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Stone, a charter member of Nathaniel Lyon Corps, and the oldest member of the Woman's Relief Corps in Colorado, was introduced to the Convention, conducted to the platform and the salute of the Order given. The reports of the Department officers were declared next in order, and the Department President proceeded to read her address, which was listened to with marked attention. At this moment strains of martial music were wafted to the Convention hall and on motion of Lizzie Spreyer, seconded by Susie Searle, the session adjourned to view the veterans parade. The appearance

of the ladies called forth prolonged and hearty cheers for the W. R. C. from the Comrades. exercises were again resumed and the President concluded her address amid applause.

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#### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*Ladies* :—The occasion which calls us together is one of peculiar importance to the cause which we represent. The issues which are to come before us, involve the well being of those whom we have pledged ourselves to aid. I trust that every delegate present will be impressed with the importance of legislating wisely and carefully for the work of the year. We are assembled also to give an account of the trust confided to our care one year ago.

When, at our last Convention you placed upon my shoulders the responsibility of carrying forward the work so happily conceived, and so successfully begun and continued, and while a two years experience in Department work had given me some conception of the duties and burdens of your chief executive, I was still quite unprepared for its arduous labors, its grave responsibilities and for the magnitude of the cause I had taken so solemn an obligation to foster in every possible way.

The honor which came to me unsought, I have appreciated highly. The cordial and hearty co-operation of almost the entire Department and particularly of my own Corps, has lightened the burden so suddenly placed upon me and given me many pleasant hours.

In all matters demanding my attention I have tried to be faithful and entirely just, knowing full well that I must account to a higher than any earthly power, for the manner in which I discharged my solemn trust.

#### GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

I take great pride in the progress of the work during the past year. In the face of many and great difficulties, and amid the detractions of a presidential year which have interfered greatly with the formation of new Corps, our membership has steadily increased. Four new Corps have been added to the roster during this administration with an aggregate membership of 69. Other applications for Charters are pending which we hope will result in the formation of new Corps, and the addition of helpful workers to our Department. I am sorry to record the loss of A. E. Burnside Corps, No. 10, from our ranks. By death and removal, their membership was reduced

early last year to nine brave women, who labored under the disadvantage of living from five to ten miles apart. In spite of these obstacles, they had worked hard to help us prepare for a Soldier's Home, reporting as early as July more articles than any other Corps in the Department. The Department Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Hawes and myself visited them at that time; subsequently our Senior Vice-President visited them for inspection. They had expended between July and November more than \$40 in relief; and, as the President pathetically expressed it, "They had done what they could." But one of the faithful nine met a frightful death by fire; severe and long continued illness in the President's family and the removal of others led them reluctantly to decide to disband; but those remaining have all asked for transfer cards, so I do not feel that they are wholly lost to us. [This Corps has since been reinstated.]

#### FINANCES.

It has been my aim to keep the current expenses of the Department as low as possible, consistent with effective service. We commenced the year with an indebtedness of \$53.24 and very few supplies on hand. Soon after assuming command I issued an order enjoining a strict adherence to a cash system of accounts in all our business dealings; and, following that system we have had most excellent results; having had no complications at National Headquarters, and our relations with the Corps have been most satisfactory.

We have expended in relief the past year \$1,380.69. This sum does not include the entire amount, as aside from money much has been contributed in other ways.

I am glad to say that we close the year not owing a dollar and we shall turn over to the incoming administration \$87 worth of supplies.

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Owing to the great distance from Headquarters of the Chairman of the Executive Board and other members of the Council, we have not been able to avail ourselves of their wise counsel and plans for Department work, as the Rules and Regulations direct. I desire to thank Mrs. Corbin, our Chairman, however for her hearty support of whatever has been attempted, and I regret that her remoteness from us has prevented my having so firm a staff to lean upon, as her presence would have afforded.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day was very generally and very beautifully observed throughout the Department. Year by year the solemn and impressive ceremonies of this, the Grand Army's sacred day and the increasing infirmities of the Comrades who remain, admonish us that soon the Grand Army will sleep its last sleep, and what we do for them must be done quickly.



The sacred character of the day should forever preclude the idea that money may be made by festivals or suppers, by our organization. It is a graceful act for the Corps to furnish refreshments to their respective Posts, but never should they make such a courtesy a source of revenue.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Although Colorado's representation to the National Convention at Columbus was not as large as some others, her delegates attended strictly to business, and they were rewarded by the appointment of one of their number to a National office, and of another to a hardly less important position, that of one of a Committee on the revision of all printed matter of the Order.

#### INSPECTION.

In the interests of economy, I decided early in my administration to make my official visits with the work of inspection, and visit every Corps once at least, during the year. I learned at the exemplification of the Ritual at the National Convention, that we had been working under wrong instructions in the secret work of the Order; and I wished personally to instruct the Corps in every detail. I am sorry to say I have failed to visit Gunnison Corps which needs help sorely; Grand Junction and Trinidad. The latter Corps has been visited twice officially by our Past Department President, the other two have been without outside help.

I have personally inspected nine Corps, travelling more than 1600 miles for that purpose.

The other inspectors have done their work thoroughly, as the Department Inspector's report will attest.

For the sake of encouragement and uniformity in the work, a competent instructor should be detailed to visit Corps remote from headquarters to instruct them in the proper performance of their work. They need the help and direction of a Department officer.

#### INSTALLATIONS.

The increasing number of joint installations of Posts and Corps shows the harmony and good feeling prevailing between these two organizations. They add new interest and a greater impetus to the work. I acted as installing officer for the three Corps in Denver in each case with the Posts to which they are auxiliary and the occasions were most enjoyable.

In my visits to the various Corps I have found the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailing, where frequent camp-fires and socials are held. I wish to mention Pueblo, particularly, where I had a delightful visit; the Post and Corps vieing with each other in honoring your Department President.

#### SOLDIER'S HOME.

Perhaps no part of the work of the year has consumed so much

anxious thought as this: How to most effectually establish a home for our needy veterans. At the commencement of my official term it was confidently expected that the united efforts of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps would bring about the immediate accomplishment of such a result, to meet present necessities, until such time as the State should establish a permanent home. With that object in view, and by request of the Department Commander, and others, I issued Circular Letter No. 1, calling upon all Corps to assist in furnishing a temporary home.

An unfortunate chain of circumstances prevented the consummation of the project of the G. A. R. Committee, and after many delays it was finally left to the present Legislature to establish and carry on a permanent Soldier's Home.

Believing that many months must elapse before such a home can be available and learning that the cottage belonging to the Corps in Golden was vacant, I called a Council meeting early in January to consult as to the expediency of utilizing that cottage for a temporary home, using articles already prepared for its furnishing. The Corps in Golden very generously donated the use of it to the Department and I offered to help furnish it and otherwise assist in every possible way. The Council voted to accept the proposal with thanks and start the temporary home.

The Legislature has since passed a bill establishing the permanent Soldier's Home in the San Luis Valley. I am of the opinion that the Woman's Relief Corps will need the temporary home for many years as a House of Reception, since Denver will probably be the center of applications for admission to the permanent home, and there is always more or less delay attending the formal admission of applicants. I therefore present this subject for your earnest consideration, since the "House of Reception" must necessarily be a W. R. C. institution. The responsibility of its maintenance must rest with our organization, but 700 determined women can work wonders and I confidently leave this cherished plan in your hands for decisive action.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Our relations with the Grand Army have been very cordial and friendly. Throughout the Department there has been the utmost harmony between Posts and Corps. My thanks are due to Department Commander, General John W. Browning for his unvarying courtesy and kindness in all matters where I have sought his counsel. My thanks are especially due to Mrs. Hardin, of Meade Corps, General Stolbrand, Captain Webb of Fort Collins, Comrade Sheldon of Boulder and Comrade Kennedy of Denver, for valuable services rendered in the instituting of new Corps. To the Comrades one and

all who have in every place and on every occasion testified their appreciation of the services of our organization by their kindly attentions to its chosen representative, I return my warmest thanks.

I have issued seven General Orders and four Circular Letters. My correspondence has been very large, but it has been my endeavor to attend to all business without delay to prevent accumulation.

My duties have consumed almost my entire time and thought. No one can satisfactorily fill the office of Department President who does not devote herself wholly to the work. No one should accept any office in our Order who does not conscientiously intend to keep her solemn obligation to perform its duties to the best of her ability. Any success which has attended this administration has been largely due to the officers of my Staff. My Secretary and Treasurer have been faithful and efficient, in season and out of season.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

For the furtherance of our work I have the honor to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Executive Board be selected from Corps nearest the Department Headquarters.
2. That Department Secretary and Treasurer receive equal compensation.
3. That the temporary Soldier's Home now in readiness in Golden be supported by contributions from the several Corps.
4. That some member of our Order shall take charge of the Home receiving a fair compensation for the board of each person sent to her.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now I lay down the charge committed to my care, with the hope that my successor will be able to accomplish far more than I have done for those who have done so much for us. An eastern college professor has recently made the statement that the most pernicious thing in the world, next to crime, is broad charity. Let no one call the work of the Woman's Relief Corps charity. We call it *relief*, but it is a slight attempt to repay a debt which never can be cancelled; the small expression of a gratitude which falls short of a realization of the fearful price paid for a united and prosperous country. Our work needs helpers. The destitution and suffering of those whose lives have been crippled in their country's service are appalling even in this Department. We are pledged to the work of caring for them. Some one has said that we must pray, as if everything depended on God, but we must work as if everything depended on us. Six hundred and twelve years B. C., Sappho, a Greek poetess wrote of a useless woman:

"When thou art dead, thou shalt lie in the earth,  
Not even the memory of thee, shall live henceforward nor forever.



For thou hast no part nor share in the Perian roses,  
But formless, even in the halls of Hades,  
Shalt wander, fitting with the nameless dead."

The time for words is gone, now is the time for deeds. The need of our work will soon be over. Our own time will soon have passed away. Our opportunity is to-day, and time, which always speaks the truth, will place us and our chosen work, above and beyond the prophecy of Sappho, if we do with our might what our hands find to do, not for earthly reward, but from a desire to do the will of our Heavenly Father.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Feb. 28, 1889.

Department President.

#### REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

*Mrs. President and Ladies of the Fifth Department Convention.*

It affords me much pleasure to exchange friendly greetings with the members of our Association; to renew the pleasant acquaintances made at previous encampments, and to form new acquaintances who shall be respected and admired as are the older ones.

Our Regulations for the government of the W. R. C. declare that a part of the duty of a Department Senior Vice-President shall be to assist the Department President. I am glad, and proud to state that our esteemed President has so carefully performed the duties of her office, and so wisely directed the affairs of the Department, that any assistance would have been superfluous. One of the pleasant obligations that devolves upon the Senior Vice-President is a report of her labors and efforts in the interest of the Order. In compliance with this I would state that I have attended all called meeting, except two, when on account of personal illness I have been prevented from attending. By request of our President, I visited with her the brave little Corps at Loveland, and I cannot refrain from extolling to this Convention the energy and spirit which this Corps has shown. Their Roster has never exceeded twelve names and through a major portion of its existence only eight, yet they have never failed to hold regular meetings, and during the past year have expended a goodly amount in relief work. In proportion to their numbers they have doubtless performed as much (or more) relief work as any Corps in our Department. On our way to Loveland a brief stop was made in Fort Collins, and inquiries were made with reference to the formation of a Corps at that point.

As a member of the Department of Colorado I attended the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio. One's appreciation of the excellence and dignity of our Association is awakened even by a

slight acquaintance with it but a more intimate knowledge (such as those whose hearts are in sympathy with the work cannot fail to obtain during an attendance upon a National Encampment) justly places our organization in the far front rank with the most noble associations of this latter portion of the nineteenth century. To be an earnest member of the Woman's Relief Corps is an honorable ambition.

By request of the Department President I inspected the Loveland Corps, and also by appointment met the Commander and comrades of the Fort Collins Post, with whom an evening was passed in discussion of the objects and aims of the W. R. C. Their reception to your representative was exceedingly cordial and gratifying. While a number sufficiently large for the formation of a Corps was not enrolled on that evening, their deep interest gave assurance that the proposed members only desired to carefully consider the question. An application for a charter was left with them, and arrangements made for the completion of the work so auspiciously begun. Illness in my family robbed me of the pleasure of attending the organization of the Corps a few weeks later, but under the supervision of our President an auxiliary to the Post was enrolled, a thrifty addition to our Department.

Ill health and urgent home duties have deprived me of the pleasure I had hoped to enjoy in forming a more intimate acquaintance with other Corps and their individual members, but I have much pleasure and pride in my membership in an organization whose chief object is to aid the helpless ones who sacrificed so much for us, and to comfort the widows and orphans of those who, that this Nation might exist, willingly poured out their life blood, mid screaming shells and hurtling, fell quickly 'neath the sabre stroke, or slowly wasted on the camp cots of the great hospitals, or met death in its most horrid form in the seething prison pens of the South; who gave up life, not for self, but for us, for posterity, for a principle.

When the suffrages of those who composed this body one year ago extended to me the dignity of the position now held, in an organization so noble, so sacred, they conferred an honor it would be unbecoming in me not to acknowledge, and it were base in me to regard it as of little worth and prize it lightly. Ladies, the objects of our Association ennoble its members. Let us honor ourselves by giving it our best womanly efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. L. HAWES,

Senior Vice-President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, Department President:*

Officers and members of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Department of Colorado, In compliance with the rules of our Order I have the honor to submit to you a report of work in the Secretary's office, the membership and condition of our organization during your administration.

When I entered upon the duties of this office, there were 19 Corps in good standing. Evans Corps was instituted April 14, with 19 members, and Thornburg Corps in Georgetown was instituted in December, with 10 members.

Referring to the Past Secretary's report, we find the number of members in good standing:

Jan. 1, 1888,	-	-	519
Gain during the year,			231
Aggregate,			750
Total loss,	-	-	169

Number in good standing, Jan. 1, 1889, as reported to National Secretary, 599, showing a gain in membership of 62 during the past year. The above statement does not include the Corps organized since Jan. 1st. Geo. H. Thomas Corps, No. 26, instituted at Fort Collins, Feb. 8th, 11 members, and Nathaniel Lyon Corps at Boulder, instituted Feb. 10th with 14 members, making the actual membership of the Department 606.

There is also an application for a Charter from John A. Logan Post, Julesburg, to organize a Woman's Relief Corps.

You will readily see that the W. R. C. of Colorado has not diminished in numbers, but has steadily increased.

The greatest gains and losses have been in the following Corps:

Veteran gained during the year,	26	Lost	44.
E. A. Sumner, gained during the year,	21.	Lost	19.
Meade,	"	"	19.
Canby,	"	"	4.
U. S. Grant,	"	"	19.

The above statement shows that U. S. Grant Corps has the largest increase of any Corps in the Department. By referring to the Quarterly Reports, I find that seventy-five per cent. of the loss is by suspension. This might be avoided by a strict observance of the duties presented in Chap. 11, Art. VIII, Sec. 4, R. R. The laws of the Order are imperative and should be obeyed.

Cash expended in charity:

First Quarter,	-	\$328.53
Second "	-	370.36
Third "	-	131.98



Fourth " - - 355.82

Total, - - - \$1,186.69

Amount disbursed by each Corps for relief:

Grant.....	\$241.50	Canby .....	\$ 17.83
Meade.....	203.00	Sumner.....	14.00
Farragut.....	101.50	Gunnison.....	34.00
Garfield.....	109.75	Grand Junction.....	11.00
Veteran.....	99.53	Upton.....	11.00
Mower.....	91.50	Greenwood.....	7.50
Custer.....	80.00	Burnside.....	10.00
Dodd.....	37.00	Evans.....	10.00

Again we find U. S. Grant Corps to the front, closely followed by Meade, Garfield, Farragut, Veteran, Mower and Custer. The seven Corps having disbursed during the year \$926.88.

Amount expended for relief other than money:

First Quarter, \$ 3.50	Third Quarter, \$107.06
Second " 74.60	Fourth " <u>179.30</u>

Total, \$464.40

Of this Veteran gave \$211.40, nearly one-half of the entire amount. Meade, Mower and Grant Corps have also done nobly.

Number of soldiers and their families assisted:

First quarter, 72; second quarter, 65; third quarter, 26; fourth quarter, 51. Total, 214.

Number of members and their families:

First quarter, 34; second quarter, 6; third quarter, 9; fourth quarter, 13. Total, 62.

Amount of money turned over to Posts:

First quarter, \$4.15; second quarter, \$3.50; third quarter, \$20.45; fourth quarter, \$614.00. Total, \$682.10.

Of this amount the honor must be awarded to Custer Corps for giving \$614.00 to the Post at Laramie. The Comrades no doubt are very proud of their auxiliary. The same substantial interest has been manifested in every department of our work by the only Relief Corps in the Territory of Wyoming.

We opened correspondence during the year with the Commanders of every Post of any prominence throughout the State. Besides the new Corps instituted, others are pending. Quite a number of Posts are desiring to have an auxiliary Corps, but lack the essential material necessary to form one. Nearly all the comrades are bachelors.

We have lost during the past year but one Corps, viz: A. E. Burnside, suspended in the fourth quarter owing to the removal of some of the members to other portions of the state. This Corps is

small in numbers and financial ability, but it has large sympathetic hearts. Sympathy you know is always acceptable, and willing hands to work for the defenders of our flag. They have contributed in relief since the close of the third quarter, \$40, this amount does not include articles for the Soldier's Home, which they are preparing. As the Charter has not yet been surrendered, we hope they may be induced to return to their first allegiance.

Death has claimed six of our members. The command: "It is enough, come up higher," was obeyed and they have passed over the river to receive their reward.

Besides the amount of cash contributed, a number of Corps have furnished supplies for the Home:

E. D. Baker, articles, estimated value, \$25.20.

Total amount expended in relief by the Woman's Relief Corps of Colorado, for the year, including donations to the Army Nurse Fund is \$1,380.69.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

A Roll of Honor was established the beginning of the Second Quarter for all Corps sending correct reports of both Secretary and Treasurer, on or before the fifth day after the close of each quarter. The following Corps reported promptly and their names were placed on the roll the 2d, 3d and 4th quarters:

U. S. Grant, Greeley, Mrs. Howard, President.

Farragut, Denver, Mrs. DeLange, "

J. A. Mower, Breckenridge, Mrs. Corbin, President.

Veteran, Denver, Mrs. Cohen, President.

W. S. Hancock, Glenwood Springs, Mrs. Carleton, President.

Gunnison, Gunnison, Mrs. Plummer, President.

Custer Corps, Laramie, Wyo., is the only one on the Roll of Honor the second quarter, Mrs. Pease, President.

E. V. Sumner, Silver Cliff, Mrs. Townsend, President; Winfield Scott, Aspen, Mrs. Freeman, President, were the only Corps entered the third quarter.

Meade of Denver, Mrs. McBeth, President and Evans Corps of Evans, Miss Herriott, President, are in the fourth quarter.

Reports from the other Corps were received in due time, but owing to errors they had to be returned for correction.

My greatest trouble has been correcting quarterly reports. Some of them had to be returned every quarter, yet I regretted very much having to do so. This increases the bills for postage and blanks, besides lost time. The mistakes usually are in cash balance in general fund and relief fund, membership, etc. The number in good standing in Secretary's Report must agree with the amount of Per Capita Tax forwarded by the Treasurer. Follow closely the directions given in the revised Report blanks and there can be no errors.

I urge upon every Corps President the necessity of a careful examination of every figure and return in the report of her Secretary and Treasurer before attesting its correctness by her signature and mail them both together with money order for per capita tax, as the Corps is not in good standing unless both are received. Bear in mind when these reports have been recorded in Department books and reported to National Secretary, they cannot be changed. If your finance committee does its work well, and every Corps President should see that such is the case, I cannot understand why Corps books should be out of balance and reports wrong.

There are some Corps represented here for the first time. They have come to learn all they can of the work what has been done and what is required for the good of the Order. An earnest careful study dear sisters of that little blue text book, known as Rules and Regulations, together with instructions to Presidents, would save asking many questions that seem to you very perplexing. Let me call attention to General Orders, National and Department that are prepared with much thought and prayerful study, and which are sent to you from time to time as help. I think their importance is not fully understood. Many are read at only one session of the Corps and never referred to again. A careful perusal of these same orders would prevent many mistakes, as the knowledge they impart is invaluable to Corps Presidents.

I cannot close my report without calling your attention to the one object that has been very close to the heart of our Department President, the entire year, for which she has earnestly prayed and worked, the Soldier's Home, and with the aid of those Corps that responded to her call, her efforts have been crowned with success and we are proud to know that this little house of rest, nestled at the foot of these everlasting hills is the work alone of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Colorado, and may the words, "Died in the County Hospital" never again be written over the grave of a soldier, laid to rest in Colorado. Let us not delay in well doing. In a few more years the last one will have answered to the final "roll call," the lights will be out and this work will be done. Then what we do, let it be done quickly, while the day lasts, and it may be said of us, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

In conclusion Mrs. President, I must heartily thank you for the confidence you have ever shown in me. If I have failed to meet your expectations as your Secretary I trust you will overlook my shortcomings with the same kindness you have ever shown me. To the Department officers and members of this Convention, I sincerely thank you, one and all, for the patience and courtesy extended to me. In the early part of the year, much of my official work was done by the bedside of a dear sister, whose feet for months had



touched the Shining Shore, waiting for the angels to bear her to the golden portals.

We may not meet in such an assemblage again, and in leaving you as your Department Secretary, I pray that Heaven's richest blessings may surround the Woman's Relief Corps of our adopted State.

Respectfully submitted,

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Department Secretary.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Denver, March 11th, 1889.

*Libbie Kent Daniels, Department Secretary, W. R. C.*

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement for the year ending March 11, 1889.

#### ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Mary J. Handyside, Department Treasurer in account with the Woman's Relief Corps.

*Dr.*

Cash received from Olive Hogle, Past Treasurer,	-	\$ 26.35
Received from Per Capita Tax,	-	473.50
" sale of supplies from March 22, 1888 to	-	
March 11, 1889.	-	155.79
From institution Corps, Secretary's salary and cash refunded,	-	184.30
Making total receipts,	-	\$839.94
Expenditures as per abstract,	-	766.57
In favor of Department,	-	\$73.37
March 12, to National Treasurer for supplies,	-	\$51.00
Cash balance,	-	\$22.37
Supplies on Hand,	-	\$89.64
Total,	-	\$112.01

Since the above report was closed there has been \$10.00 voted for expenses of Department Inspector to Convention now in session, leaving only \$12.37 in the treasury.

#### SUPPLIES ON HAND.

42 Membership Badges.....\$16.00	17 Membership Cards.....\$ .34
32 Officers Badges..... 12.80	1 Ledger..... 1.00
5 yds Officers Badge Ribbon, 1.25	1 Cash Book..... 1.00
2 yds Mem. Badge Ribbon .. .60	5 Order Books..... 2.50

27 Emblems for Badges.....	1.08	10 Receipt Books .....	5.00
50 Service Books.....	12.50	6 General Order Files....	3.60
118 Applications Membership	1.18	3 Letter Files.....	2.10
30 Ode Cards.....	.45	2 Blue Books.....	2.00
98 Officers Cards.....	1.96	1 Department Order Book,	.50
12 Requ. for Corps Supplies.	.12	1 Dept. Receipt Book....	.50
80 Corps Relief Reports.....	1.60	10 Rituals.....	
5 Treasurer's Bonds.....	.25	Office supplies .....	3.00
26 Discharge Cards.....	1.04	Office Outfit.....	15.00
78 Transfer Cards.....	1.56		
		Total.....	\$89.64

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

National Treasurer for supplies,	-	\$238.60
Per Capita Tax,	-	47.70
Postage,	-	53.88
Rent of Headquarters,	-	64.00
Travelling expenses,	-	158.35
Secretary's salary,	-	100.00
Incidental expenses,	-	153.04

Total expenditure, \$766.57  
51.00

\$817.57

In Department Relief,	-	\$184.40
For Soldier's Home,	-	55.00
Army Nurse,	-	10.00
Wm. Lloyd, by Mower Post of Breck-		
enridge,	-	25.70

An expenditure of, - \$275.10

During the past year your Treasurer has written in the Department work, about 400 letters, 20 postal cards and sent over 100 packages by mail and many by express. I am informed that new blanks for Corps supplies will be ready in two weeks, when the several Corps can supply themselves. There are also on hand several copies of Opening Ode, with music, at 10 cents per copy.

And now to the Department President and Secretary, I would express grateful thanks for their uniform kindness and forbearance with all my imperfections, and for their kindly assistance when disabled by illness or other cause, and I would say that I shall ever remember the year spent with them, in our much loved work, as one of the happiest, as well as the busiest of my busy life. To the officers of the various Corps with whom I have been brought in business

contact, I would say that I owe a debt of gratitude for their patience, when supplies were low and they were asked to wait. Although the detention was unavoidable, it was also very inconvenient many times and I must add, that not once have I been the recipient of any but the most courteous, kindly letters. In severing the relation of treasurer of this Department, I would not like to lose the many pleasant and valued associates of the past year, and among the associates I would class my correspondents.

Again my dear sisters and co-workers, accept grateful thanks for your kindness.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY J. HANDYSIDE,

Department Treasurer.

#### ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS.

Per capita tax, 1st quarter, \$116.20; Per capita tax 3d quarter, \$117.90

" 2d " 125.00; " 4th " 114.40

Total, - - - \$473.50

From sale of supplies:

1st quarter, \$67.49.

3d quarter, \$15.58.

2d quarter, 27.21.

4th quarter, 45.51.

\$155.79

From institution of Corps, \$67.00.

Cash refunded, - 17.30.

Dept. Secretary's salary, 100.00.

Total, - \$813.59

Cash from Post Treasury 26.35

\$839.94

Expenditure per Abstract, 817.57

Cash on hand, March 12, '89, \$22.37

Secretary's salary, \$100.00. Cash refunded, \$17.30.

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

*Mrs. Libbie Kent Daniels, Department Secretary, W. R. C.*

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of Department Chaplain for 1888.

Whole number of Corps participating in Memorial Day exercises, 17  
Membership of Corps reporting, 326.



Members taking part in service, 385.

Number of Corps attending in a body, 15.

Number of Children taking part, 349.

Expenses incurred, \$371.41.

Number of Memorials for the Unknown Dead, 9.

Meade Corps decorated the grave of a deceased member.

Burnside Corps consisting of nine members, furnished refreshments to their Post.

General remarks by Corps Chaplains:

Farragut, No. 1, of Denver reports a general attendance of members. Flowers in abundance were contributed by the children of the public schools. Mrs. Hamilton of this Corps took charge of the children's exercises of the three Denver Corps, drilling them in music and in the ceremony of decorating the graves in the Soldier's Cemetery.

Mower, No. 3, took part in the Memorial service by request of Post. The Corps attended in a body. One of the members represented the Goddess of Liberty supported by 38 little girls, representing every State in the Union. Expense incurred, \$14.75.

Dodd, No. 5, assisted the Post in decorating the graves with a profusion of flowers. There were no exercises at the Cemetery.

Meade, No. 6. The members of this Corps, jointly with Farragut and Veteran Corps, assisted in preparing floral offerings for our dead soldiers. Mrs. Anderson of this Corps acted as chairman of the joint Memorial Committee.

Garfield, No. 8. The Corresponding Secretary writes: "The Corps by request of the Post, assisted in the exercises of the day by making wreaths in memory of our fallen known dead, and erecting a floral harp as a monument to the Unknown Dead. A great procession consisting of the civic and military societies of the cloud city attended by a band of music and a glee club marched in solemn procession to the cemetery, where patriotic addresses were made and beautiful music was rendered. In the calm sunshine of a beautiful May morning the graves of our dead heroes were decorated with wreaths and beautiful flowers."

Burnside, No. 10, worked under the direction of a Committee. They provided refreshments for their Post, prepared a Memorial for the Unknown Dead, furnished flowers, etc. Expense incurred, \$5.00.

Gunnison, No. 12, turned out their entire Corps with 51 children taking part. Beautiful flowers were contributed and a monument prepared for the Unknown Dead.

Veteran No. 14, of Denver worked faithfully in conjunction with the two other Corps in preparing beautiful designs of flowers for remembering the known and unknown dead. Flowers in great abundance were contributed by the children of the public schools.

U. S. Grant, No. 15. Memorial Day was observed by almost every one in the beautiful little city of Greeley. The members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. met in the Post room and went to the cemetery together, accompanied by a large concourse of citizens. It was the largest demonstration ever witnessed on Memorial Day in that city. A salute was fired over the graves of the unknown dead. A correspondent writes: "There is a principle of human nature that prompts the living to honor the remains and venerate the memories of those dead heroes who sleep beneath the sod." Children participating, 12. Expense incurred \$2.40.

Grand Junction, No. 17, attended Memorial services in a body. Twelve children took part in the ceremonies. Citizens responded liberally to the call for flowers. Carriages and music were furnished also. Expense incurred, \$1.50.

Greenwood, No. 18. Memorial services were inaugurated at the Opera House by the most elaborate and patriotic demonstrations. The churches all united in a union service, all the ministers taking part. The day was never before so universally observed. Hundreds of Canon's patriotic citizens gathered at the city of the dead to do honor to the memory of our fallen heroes.

At the conclusion of the service a parting salute was fired by the living heroes as they stood in a hollow square about the monument erected to the memory of the Unknown Dead, which was elaborately decorated with beautiful flowers and hung with crossed swords. At the conclusion of the services they counter-marched to the Opera House where a brief but interesting program was carried out.

Winfield Scott, No. 19, Aspen, in connection with the Post and Sons of Veterans attended divine worship in a body at the M. E. Church. On Memorial Day the Corps joined with the G. A. R. and other civic societies in the appropriate exercises of the day. They decorated the graves of twenty-five of their honored dead. Greater interest was manifested in the exercises than ever before.

Custer, No. 20, Laramie. The Corps of this city in company with Custer Post, Sons of Veterans, the various societies of Laramie, and the citizens generally visited the cemetery and held all the services of the day there. They decorated the graves of all the volunteer soldiers known to be buried there.

In the evening the Corps gave a public entertainment for the benefit of the Soldier's Monument fund which is being created for the purpose of erecting a monument to the soldier's in the Laramie City Cemetery.

E. R. S. Canby, No. 21, Trinidad. The services at the Cemetery under the direction of Post and Corps, were very impressive. The music was very fine, flowers in abundance were contributed and eloquent speeches attested to the interest in the day's service.

Idaho Springs, No. 22, reports an elaborate program at the Opera House with an oration by Judge Rittenhouse of Denver. A procession was formed consisting of the G. A. R., Military companies and the Cornet Band and others, which proceeded to the cemetery and decorated the graves of departed soldiers. A military salute was fired, the hymn America was sung, and after prayer and benediction by Rev. E. P. Thompson, the line reformed and marched back to G. A. R. Hall and disbanded.

W. S. Hancock, No. 23, Glenwood Springs. The members of this Corps furnished the flowers, made them into wreaths and flowers and assisted the Post in every way. They went in carriages to the cemetery, formed with the Post in a circle around the monument to the Unknown Dead. The memorial service was read and the choir sang impressively "Nearer My God, to Thee," the Chaplain offered prayer and after the decoration of the graves by Post and Corps, a parting salute was fired. After returning to the hall, the Post formed in two lines for the W. R. C. to pass through, saluting each member as she passed.

Evans, No. 24, though a young Corps did their part nobly, 40 children took part in the service. A profusion of flowers was contributed and a beautiful monument erected to the memory of the Unknown Dead.

My duties as Chaplain might have been more pleasant had it not been for adverse circumstances; and here I wish to extend my thanks to the President of the Department for her kindness to me, and her eagerness to assist me in every way. I wish also to thank the Corps Chaplains for their forbearance, most of them being very patient at the delay in receiving Blanks.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA HYATT,

Department Chaplain.

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#### REPORT OF INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.

In accordance with the requirements of our Rules and Regulations, I herewith present my first annual report as I. and I. Officer of the Department of Colorado.

The following Corps reported election and installation of officers for the present year: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

The following Corps have been instituted during the year:

Evans Corps No. 24, Evans, organized April 18, 1888, by Mrs. Catherine C. Kennedy; Lyda C. Herriott, President.



Thornburg Corps, No. 25, Georgetown, was instituted Dec. 14th, 1888, by Past Department President, Mrs. Catherine C. Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, Department President; Mrs. Mary M. Collins, President.

Geo. H. Thomas Corps, No. 26, Fort Collins, was instituted Feb. 8, 1889, by Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson; Nellie B. Stolbrand, President.

Nathaniel Lyon Corps, No 27, Boulder, was instituted Feb. 9, 1889; Mrs. M. Berwick Anderson, President.

Our Department President installed the officers of six Corps. The officers of five Corps were installed by Past Commanders, and the officers of five other Corps were installed by Past Presidents, while four reports did not specify the installing officer. Ten Corps held their installation jointly with the Post, three had private installations and the remainder did not state how their installations were held.

Praying that our great Commander may grant His divine blessing on our grand and noble Order, throughout the land, and that the cords of love and loyalty may be strengthened in every Corps in our Department, and thanking our Department President and Secretary for their many kind words of encouragement and instructions, I most respectfully submit this report.

LIZZIE B. SPREYER,  
Department I. and I. Officer.

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#### COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

*Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, Department President, W. R. C.:*

I herewith acknowledge the honor which has been placed me as Counselor for the year among your list of officers. That you have not called on me for help was also a kindness. Though I have no report as Counselor, permit me to place upon record the fact that I have not been unmindful of the Order which for twenty-seven months formed so intimate a part of my life; having been one of the five members scattered from Massachusetts to Colorado who, since the last National Convention, have faithfully plodded through hundreds of pages of revision, correction and suggestion as helpers to our indefatigable Past National President, Mrs. Hampton, that the entire written work of the Woman's Relief Corps be as nearly perfect as possible.

For yourself Mrs. President, and our loved Department, accept my best wishes.

Yours in F. C. and L.

MARY JEWETT TELFORD.

### INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

REPORT OF ROSE S. LAYTON, DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, 1888.

*Mrs. President, Officers and Members of the Convention :*

The Annual Inspection of the Department of Colorado, occurred between Nov. 1st and Dec. 20th, 1888, every Corps being visited by an Assistant Inspector, excepting one. I feel confident there has been a most thorough Inspection of every Corps in the Department.

Veteran Corps is the largest in the State, Geo. G. Meade Corps and T. H. Dodd, both number the same, and stand next in order. Veteran No. 14, of Denver has the largest relief fund and has expended the largest amount of money for relief, also expending the largest amount for relief including money, clothing, etc. The relations between Post and Corps are pleasant in every instance, I was in hopes I could report the work thoroughly memorized by every Corps, but am exceedingly sorry to say I cannot. Of nineteen Corps inspected only five have committed the Ritual. Corps should not expect to be ranked "excellent," unless this is done, and work performed properly. And now Mrs. President, having tried to perform my duty in the work assigned me, and thanking you all for the kindness shown me, I respectfully submit this report,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ROSE S. LAYTON,

Department Inspector.

#### *Farragut Corps, No. 1.*

I report the condition and prospect of Farragut Corps as follows:

While Farragut Corps was the first Corps organized, it is also one of the best working Corps in the State, always being at the front in all good works of relief, and especially well informed in all work pertaining to the Ritual.

AMERICA ANDERSON,

Assistant Inspector.

#### *Upton Corps, No. 2.*

It is composed of a few faithful members, who have the good of the cause at heart, and work earnestly for its advancement. The relations between the Post and Corps are more than usually friendly

and cordial, I found them very ready to respond to calls for relief. They are building up in numbers, and are hopeful for the future.

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AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

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*Jas. A. Mower Corps, No. 3.*

This Corps is splendidly equipped, and is doing much good work. Four new members were initiated during inspection, and the ceremony was rendered very impressive by the dignity of the presiding officer. This Corps labors under the disadvantage of losing many of its best members during the winter months. In spite of all draw backs, Mower stands among the first in the Department.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

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*T. H. Dodd Corps No. 5.*

The Corps is in good financial condition. Many members having left the town, still retain membership in the Corps. All are anxious to take action in the Temporary Home should it be placed in working order here.

KATIE C. KENNEDY,  
Assistant Inspector.

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*Geo. G. Meade Corps, No. 6.*

Is in a very fine flourishing condition. They have truly, earnest devoted set of officers, who recognize the sacredness of the obligation they assume, and work for our united cause, with all their hearts. They are united as one person in whatever they undertake, and consequently succeed. In their Ritualistic work, they are perfect, each one memorizing her part, making the opening of the Corps much more interesting, the Initiatory part more impressive, and altogether giving new interest to the work. Their treasury is replete with dollars, as are their hearts with loyalty, and tenderness towards the old soldiers in need. In short they are a pattern, to whom all their sisters point with praise and pride—an honor to our department.

MARY J. HANDYSIDE,  
Assistant Inspector.

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*E. T. Sumner Corps, No. 7.*

This is a finely officered Corps, and the members are interested in the work. They have taken charge of a special case, the relief of



an old army nurse, and her husband, both of whom cared for the sick and wounded during the late war.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

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*Garfield Corps, No. 8.*

They have lost by removal, some of their best members; but those who remain are doing well, and are determined to build up the Corps, and carry on the good work. They are like a band of sisters and socially are happy together.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON.  
Assistant Inspector.

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*Loveland Corps, No. 10.*

Having only ten members, and those ten residing in about as many different directions from the town (only two living in the town) they are doing well. Out of *all* that small number, they cannot find enough, *fitted*, to properly fill the different offices, and have to do the best they can. Two of the members are away, leaving only eight in all, just a quorum if all are present, and to their credit; and I think they deserve a great deal, they have only had one meeting without a quorum, or I should say, missed one meeting. To sum it up, they are a little band of earnest women, and it is to be hoped they may be able to add to their numbers. They lost one member just before I visited them, by death. Unfortunately for them, she was poor, and they from their little, buried her, paying all expenses, and having no relief fund, were working very hard to pay the amount. I presume I have written more than necessary, but few can know the difficulties under which this Corps is working.

CLEMINTINE S. HAWES,  
Assistant Inspector.

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*Vetaran Corps, No. 14.*

This is a fine Corps, the largest in the Department. The work is beautifully done, under the personal supervision of the National Inspector. They have a fine showing of work done, by a body of wide awake women. There is not entire harmony among them, and they have labored under the disadvantage of having their President absent for some time, but they do good work, and are a credit to the Department.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

*U. S. Grant Corps, No. 15.*

This is in the very best condition possible. It is presided over by a president who is very earnest, and conscientious in her duties, doing all things in a most decorous and becoming manner, making the work as impressive as possible, doing for the best good of every member under her authority; An able woman, fitted to fill her present position, by having the good of our Order near her heart and striving most earnestly to bring her Corps as near perfection as possible, and she is most ably seconded by her Secretary and Treasurer, whose books are most beautifully and correctly kept. I found this Corps deserving the name they bear, *one* of the best in the Department, and I can but add my voice, to what has been previously said of them, viz, the *Banner Corps* of Colorado. Before closing, I would like to mention the fidelity, and obedience, exhibited by the members toward their President, whom they all seem to love and respect. Obedience is a paramount law in Military discipline, and they seem to feel it necessary to their prosperity.

MARY J. HANDYSIDE,

Assistant Inspector.

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*Grand Junction Corps, No. 17.*

It is having a hard struggle to live. A few members work very hard to keep it going. There are so many of its members that leave the city early in the spring, and the stay until nearly the holidays, and in the past year, they have been troubled about a President. They have had three installed, the first two moved away, the last one being in a short time before the end of the year. What few members do attend, are good workers, and work very hard for the Corps. The Post and Corps are friendly and cordial. I think they deserve a great deal of praise, under the present circumstances. We have one of the best Secretaries, her heart is in the work, and she is a faithful attendant. The Secretary and Treasurer work nicely together, and their books are beautifully kept.

ROSE S. LAYTON,

Department Inspector.

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*Greenwood Corps, No. 18.*

They are suffering from internal dissensions of long standing, which threaten the life of the Corps. There are earnest workers among them, who may be able to tide over this critical time, with the aid of some new members, who have promised to help in every

way. They need wise counsel, and careful handling to reconcile the incongruous element.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

*Winfield Scott Corps, No. 19.*

They have labored under many disadvantages, in that they had very serious trouble in starting. A few earnest workers have the interest and welfare of the cause at heart, and will work faithfully to overcome all difficulties. A want of sufficient work to do interferes with their prosperity. They have no calls for relief.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

*Custer Corps, No. 20.*

This is one of the finest working Corps in the Department. It has raised more money than any other Corps, and it only lacked the memorizing of the Ritual to be ranked "Excellent." Great enthusiasm prevails among its members, all of whom are active and earnest workers.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

*E. S. R. Canby Corps, No. 21.*

Illness in the families of leading Corps members all through the summer, has often prevented a quorum, though the President has failed only once of being present, on days of regular meetings during the year. No unpleasant word has ever been spoken in the Corps, though outside dissensions were stirred up, notably by one member who was suspended at the very close of the year. Owing to some unexplained cause the passwords of last year were not received from Department headquarters, and this year, important letters from the Department failed to reach the Corps President, until some weeks after their date, owing to misdirected envelopes. While the Corps contains some excellent element, and influential ladies outside signify their desire to join, the condition of the Corps, is not established enough to go on well.

MARY JEWETT TELFORD,  
Assistant Inspector.

*W. S. Hancock Corps, No. 22.*

This Corps the youngest but one in the Department, is small



but it is anxious to do good work. Its President is very faithful. They stand ready to respond to any calls which the Department may require. We expect a strong Corps, and a faithful one in Glenwood Springs.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON.

Assistant Inspector.

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*E. D. Baker Corps, No. 23.*

They have had many discouragements, and draw-backs which have tended to dishearten them, but they have taken a new start, and hope to do well the coming year.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Assistant Inspector.

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*Evans Corps, No. 24.*

They are a little band of earnest, candid, devoted women, who fully understand what they are banded together for, and fully intend to do their whole duty. They were organized in April, and being fully equipped with the necessary outfit, had officers installed on May 3d, 1888. With but little instruction in the work, they managed to keep together, and add to their numbers, until they have reached twenty, and all attend regularly, except their Secretary, who is a teacher in the public school of the place. She has offered her resignation, but the corps would rather fill the position from time to time, and have the help of their Secretary in quarterly reports, than otherwise. Several of their members live in the country, which makes the getting together more difficult, but they persevere, and are doing finely, and are held in high esteem by the Post, to which they are Auxiliary. Your Inspector did not meet at the regular meeting, but the President called a few together, with the books and papers of the Corps. Therefore I can only report upon what I saw. I did not see the work performed, and can give only a partial report, but think this little band of women (most of them quite young) deserve great credit.

MARY J. HANDYSIDE,

Assistant Inspector.

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The Guard announced a committee from the G. A. R. Encampment, with fraternal greetings

to the Convention. The Conductors were requested to escort them in, and on re-entering introduced Comrades Kennedy, Holden and Russell who were invited to seats on the platform. Each in turn heartily indorsed the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and in behalf of the Encampment pledged the earnest support of the G. A. R.

After the Comrades retired, business was again resumed and Mrs. Olive Hogle, chairman of the committee on Soldiers' Home, gave a report of the money and articles received for the same.

*Libbie Kent Daniels, Department Secretary:*

I have the honor to submit to you the following report as regards the Soldier's Home.

Another year has passed with its alternating hopes and fears regarding this one grand cherished object of the W. R. C. (a Soldier's Home in Colorado) that it should never again be said that one of our country's brave defenders should go cold or hungry or die in a county poor-house. Back more than five years ago under the jurisdiction of our first Department President, Mrs. Kennedy, was the seed (small though it was) sown. A committee was appointed to look the matter up, and importune our Legislature then in session to help us if possible in this glorious undertaking. This same idea and mission has been agitated in all the years since. It has been watered by tears and sunshined with prayers and worked for with all energy until it was given into the hands of the Department President of 1888, Augusta B. Henderson, to help make and perfect the work of those years. Most faithfully has she worked to this end. It has been her Mecca.

Early in the year she sent circulars asking each Corps to do what they could to furnish this home, for it was now an assured fact.

The Corps at Golden had generously donated the use of a building large enough to accommodate about fifteen inmates, with room for matron, also donated all the dishes necessary for the use of the Home.

The other Corps over the State responded generously and to-day we have a home for disabled and needy Soldiers to offer you, although temporary, nevertheless we believe it will answer the purpose until something permanent can be had. It is a place where we can shelter and clothe those needy old soldiers so dear to every

patriotic heart for the cause they saved. This home has Holly water for all purposes, and the loyal women of Golden have succeeded in having the building exempt from taxation as long as used for the Soldiers' Home. That it may answer every purpose for which it is intended is the wish of this administration.

This Committee recommend that a committee of three or five be appointed whose duty it shall be to look after and arrange for the comfort of the inmates. Said committee shall also attend to and see that every thing pertaining to the home is carried on in a thoroughly systematic manner. Said committee to be under the direct supervision of the Department Council, and incumbent President.

No. 2. That a matron shall be procured by Department Council to be paid a certain sum for the board of each inmate, the matron to furnish provisions for the same.

No. 3. That each Corps pay a stipulated sum each month from amount in treasury, towards the maintenance of said Home. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. ELDRIDGE, Golden  
MRS. BARRON, Golden.  
MRS. HARPER, Greeley.  
MRS. HOGLE, Denver,  
Committee.

### Report of Catherine C. Kennedy, chairman of the committee on Army Nurse Fund:

Denver, Colo., March 9, 1889.

*Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson:*

As Chairman of Aged Army Nurse Fund, I submit the following report:

Received May 13, Relief Corps No. 19, Aspen,	\$ 5.00
" June 1, " " 7, Silver Cliff,	10.00
" June 20, " " 17, Grand Junc.	5.00
" June 15, " " 14, Denver,	10.00
" June 25, " " 4, "	5.00
" Aug. 30, " " 8, Leadville,	5.00
" Oct. 13, " " 12, Gunnison,	5.00
" March 9, '89 " 1 Denver,	5.00

	\$50.00
National Committee A. A. N. Fund.	\$16.00
Pueblo Post and Corps.	7.50

\$73.50



Paid in June, Mrs. Anna Felch, \$41.00

Paid Mrs. Vipond, - 27.50

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\$68.50

Balance on hand, \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE C. KENNEDY, Chairman,

MARY J. INGERSOL,

EUGENIA OLNEY,

Committee.

The above reports were referred to the following committee:

Sarah A. Hogarty, of No. 15.

Camilla Smith, " 18.

Report of Delegate-at-Large, to the National Convention W. R. C., held at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 12, 13 and 14 1888:

Mrs. President and Sister Members: It is not in my power to paint the trip to the Columbus encampment in beautiful words, it must be simply a dull recitation of facts. Nothing could go beyond the enthusiasm of the patriotic loyal women, who stepped aboard the train at Denver to form again the noble band which is doing so much to comfort the declining days of our disabled heroes, and to look after and educate the orphans they leave to our care. In the National Convention were to be many of our mind, and numbers give a sense of strength. How bright all the world seemed, as we were rapidly whirled away from our glorious, rock-ribbed State.

The second day out, our train was waylaid. We were halted in the lovely little city of Emporia, Kansas. Kansas with her broad prairies, universal welcoming, sunflowers and sunshine almost as bright as our own. Cordial faces surrounded us on the railroad platform, kind hands took ours, and with the precedance of our rank, our officers, our delegates, our comrades and our visiting friends were taken by carriages through the clean, thriving, beautiful city and set down at the gate of the most beautiful of her beautiful homes. There we found a delightful host and hostess, and celebrities of the Kansas G. A. R. and W. R. C. We found

decorations of National Colors, sunflowers, fruit, rare blossoms and emblematic sunflowers again, with a wealth of refreshments served to our whole company by lavish hands. Then a few speeches from their side and ours, the warm hard clasp, the prancing horses, and the train again. Every one of our party must carry in her heart loving remembrances of those Kansas friends.

Beyond Kansas City, Sabbath morning dawned upon us. It was decided to hold a train service in our car, and invite all who chose to come from other coaches. Mesdames Hamilton, Harper, and Hogle was the committee, and after a few minutes preparation. a two hours service was begun. The choir was led by our Department President, Mrs. Henderson, with a score of full voices, filling all with a sense that God was very near. Mrs. Telford gave a Bible reading, with remarks, pathetic and spontaneous, from a heart always full. Gen. Sampson gave an informal address which fitted exactly to the occasion. Comrade Dillinback recited a poem; "The Dying Soldier's Tribute." Mrs. Henderson recited one of Mrs. Stowe's early poems of devotion. And after many hymns, the exercises closed, with "My Country 'tis of Thee," and our visiting neighbors had returned to their respective coaches. Our little band from Colorado, seemed bound by still stronger bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Sabbath evening our Department President again led in singing, and Miss Sampson and others joined.

When we awoke on Monday morning, our train was side-tracked in Columbus, alongside of the train of the Colorado G. A. R. headquarters, typical of the great terminus of our life journey, after our widely different routes.

The local committees at Columbus, had spared no pains or expense to beautify the various headquarters, or to make the delegations at home in their places of entertainment. We were soon taken to a quiet private house, where we were the sole guests all the week.

Those who have attended these National gatherings need not be told of the wealth of flags and decorations, of the grand receptions, of the parades, where column after column of the old veterans recalls the march of other days.

No other parade has ever been so large as this, witnessed by thousands on thousands from the streets, buildings and the reviewing stand. One thought as they filed by, hour after hour, what must the line have been before the final roll-call had found so many missing; missing that we may have an undivided country, a flag without one star obliterated? There was enthusiasm everywhere, and when the battle flags came, the old, bullet-riddled, smoke grimmed, tattered battle flags, with their mute story of carnage, with their picture of dead faces, upturned to the blue vault of Heaven,

every heart stood still a moment, and many eyes were dimmed with tears.

Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the gavel of the W. R. C. Convention, in Mrs. Hampton's hand, fell and the chatting of the delegates was hushed while Mrs. Wittenmeyer stepped to the front of the platform and asked God's blessing and guidance on the deliberations of the Convention. The records of that Convention will reach you in time. I need not give you full particulars. It was a hard Convention to manage, and our quiet National President was glad to look into the faces of her friends on the floor and read her support. Her hard work of the year, an attempted revision, was warmly upheld, not only by the convention, but by intelligent comrades, and its completion was left in her hands with a committee of four others; Mrs. Mary Jewett Telford, Mrs. McHenry of Iowa, Mrs. Lowd of Massachusetts and Mrs. Moore of New Hampshire. No former National Encampment of the Grand Army has given such ungratified approval as Mrs. Hampton received for the work and standing of the Order in this convention. She may well be proud. Colorado will stand by her delegates in being glad that the Lord's prayer was permanently placed in our ritual. Through every Session of the Convention, till the new National Officers were installed in the presence of many waiting comrades, way past midnight on Friday, the Colorado delegation were in their places with the President, Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, as their chairman. Mesdames Hawes, Hogle, Telford, Harper, and Knight, with at least one alternate, Mrs. Anna Hamilton and several Colorado members looking down their approval from the crowded gallery.

The Colorado Delegation were well pleased when the Sixth National Convention decided that in the hands of Charity Rusk Craig should be placed the helm of National affairs of our loved and cherished Order, believing that with her years of work everything that can will be done for the best interests of our country's brave defenders.

Another day found our delegates scattered, going eastward, spinning homeward, with a prayer that God might keep each and ours, under his loving protection.

Respectfully submitted

OLIVE HOGLE.

Delegate-at-Large.

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#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

*Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, President and Ladies of the Fifth Annual Convention:*

The committee appointed by the Department President to audit



the books of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer beg leave to make the following report.

We have carefully examined the books of the said officers for the year ending March 13, 1889, and find them correct in every particular.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

EMILY H. JONES,

DIANA DILL,

EMMA PLUMMER,

Committee.

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Fraternal greetings were received from the Department of Kansas, in Convention assembled at Emporia, Mrs. Ella Powell, President. Moved by Mrs. Klock, seconded by Mrs. Handyside, that the Convention send reciprocal greeting by telegraph. Carried.

A communication was received from Governor Cooper to the Department President in reponse to a request from the W. R. C. that he withhold his signature to the bill passed by the Seventh General Assembly, locating the Soldier's Home in the San Luis Valley. As the reply was favorable it was received with great applause.

A communication from the National President was next read requesting assistance in defraying the expenses of a surgical operation for a child of a comrade living in the east. It was ascertained that Grand Junction Corps had given \$5.00 and Glenwood Corps \$3.00 for that purpose. It was then moved by Miss Camilla Smith, seconded by Mrs Olive Hogle that whatever amount the other Corps thought of giving to the same object should be given to the Soldiers' Home. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Handyside, duly seconded, that resolutions of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Mary Jewett Telford, Past Department President, who was unavoidably detained at home, on account of illness. Mrs. Emily R. Meredith was appointed Chairman.

The President was called from the chair at this moment. Senior Vice-President, Clementine L. Hawes occupied the chair.

Mary J. Handyside wished to present to the Convention a matter of business that had been intrusted to her. She held in her hand a handsome plaque, the work of Past Department Chaplain Mary A. Ingersoll which she wished the Convention to purchase and present to the Department President; the amount realized from the sale to be given to the Department Relief Fund. Moved by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Olive Hogle that each member contribute something towards the purchase of the plaque and that Mrs. Handyside be custodian of the funds. Carried.

The President having been re-called, Mrs. Berwick Anderson stepped to the platform and spoke as follows:

*Mrs. President:*

I have the honor to be chosen by the ladies of this Convention to present you with this token of love and esteem and the high appreciation in which you are held, for the able manner in which you have conducted the business of this Department the past year, knowing so well how the daily heart throbs of your life have gone into the work of the Relief Corps. We have placed the money value of the gift presented by one who loves and honors you, in the Relief Fund, knowing that it will have an added value in your eyes, if, while expressing our confidence and esteem it may also be a gift to some needy soldier.

Mrs. Henderson responded with a few words of grateful thanks.

Moved and duly seconded that the Convention adjourn till 9:30 a. m., Thursday, March 14. Carried.

## SECOND DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by the Department President. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Charlotte Coe, of Dodd Corps. Upon examination all present were found entitled to seats in the Convention.

The Secretary was requested to read the minutes of the Council meetings of the entire year, which on motion, duly seconded, were adopted.

The minutes of the previous session after a slight correction, were approved.

The Junior Vice-President gave a short verbal report of her work for the year.

Reports of Committees on Officers Reports were declared next in order.

Mrs. Howard, President of U. S. Grant Corps and Chairman of Committee on Department President's Address, read the following report:

*Greeley, Colo., March, 14, 1889.*

*Mrs. President, and Members of Fifth Department Convention of Colorado W. R. C.*

Your Committee appointed on Address of the Department President have the honor to submit the following report:

We have examined the report, and find it contains a carefully prepared summary of a year of hard, conscientious work.

We wish to congratulate the President on the prosperity and success to which the W. R. C., has attained during the past year, under her able administration.

We most heartily indorse the noble sentiments expressed in her report.



Your Committee approves of recommendation No. 1. "That the Executive Board be selected from Corps nearest Headquarters" on account of convenience and economy.

Recommendation No. 2. "That Department Secretary and Treasurer receive equal compensation" is also approved by your Committee.

Recommendation No. 3, relating to "Soldier's Home" should awaken the zeal of every member of the W. R. C. We recognize that this has been the grand object for which our Department President has worked during the year, and we hope this recommendation will receive the heartiest approval of this convention; especially since we have received word from our comrades of G. A. R. that they wish to 'lend a hand.'

Recommendation No. 4. also receives the approval of your Committee, relating to a Matron for the "Home."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

CLIMENA G. HOWARD,

P. M. MCBETH.

EMMA PLUMMER.

Committee.

## Report of Committee on Vice President's Report.

*Greeley, Colo., March 14, 1889.*

*To the President and Members of the Fifth Annual Convention.*

Your Committee appointed to report on the Senior Vice President's Statement, of the past years work; most respectfully submit the following, having carefully examined her report, find her an earnest worker in the cause. We heartily endorse her sentiments, especially as regards our Department President, and may she be long spared to continue in the good work.

Respectfully in F. C. L.

MRS. BERWICK ANDERSON,

MRS. SARAH E. HAMEN.

MRS. S. J. SEURL.

Committee.

## Report of Committee on Secretary's Report.

*Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, and Members of the Fifth Annual Convention of Department of Colorado W. R. C.*

The Committee on Secretary's Report, having carefully

examined Report of Department Secretary, do most heartily endorse the same, and recommend it to the Convention for adoption, Feeling sure that we express the sentiment of the Convention, together with the Department in general, we would most sincerely thank Department Secretary, for the able manner in which she has filled the office, during the past year, and the untiring patience with which she has shown under the multitude of vexations attending her duties.

LOU S. HADLEY,  
LETTIE KESSLER.  
FANNIE HARDIN.  
Committee.

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### Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

March 14, 1889.

*Mrs. President and Members of the Fifth Annual Convention,  
Department of Colorado W. R. C.*

We of the Committee on Treasurer's Report, having read and examined the Treasurer's Report very carefully, do find it correct, and recommend its adoption, and we most earnestly thank and appreciate her kindness, and forbearance, with each and every Corps, and may the blessings and kind wishes of each member of this Convention follow her through life, is this Committee's wish.

Most Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

CHARLOTTE R. COE,  
PHILLIS CARLETON,  
JENNIE SUMNER,  
Committee.

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### Report of Committee on Chaplain's Report.

The Chaplain's Report contains not only a full account of the manner in which the various Corps celebrated Memorial Day, but so good a synopsis of the work done, that there is little required of this Committee, except the expression of their approval.

One or two of the more gratifying points we might call attention to. We are often told that our work is educative for ourselves. When we associate children in the Memorial Day exercises, we are helping to educate others. The 349 children who took part in the exercises last year, will not forget the day or the cause. The number might be estimated much higher, for in Denver where flowers are costly, we should hardly be able to afford the amount of

floral decoration annually given, if we were not lavishly supplied by the children from all the Public Schools.

Another cause of gratification, belonging principally to the Reports from towns smaller than Denver, is the fact that in many of them, the citizens seem to have generally participated in the celebration. This was especially the case in this beautiful town whose hospitalities we are now enjoying.

Flowers have always been estimated a suitable tribute from the living to the dead, probably because they are so fit an emblem of the life that "cometh forth like a flower and is cut down," possibly because they aid in concealing the terrors of death and the barren desolation of the new made grave. History records one National Memorial Day similar to ours. Almost five hundred years ago, a band of Patriots fought one of the world's "Fifteen decisive battles," many of them were buried in one grave, which still forms a perceptible mound upon the plain of Harather and there often the citizens of Athens and the neighboring towns went yearly in the spring to garland that mound with flowers and with literary and religious exercises commemorate the victory well worth the price it cost, a victory which turned back the tide of Asiatic despotism and gave the hope of liberty to Europe,

Not on one, but many bloody fields was the long battle fought which insured the union of our States "one and inseperable, now and forever." Battles not less vital to the cause of liberty and progress than that of Harather. Surely it is not unmeet that we also should establish, and never cease to keep a similar Memorial Day.

E. R. MERIDETH.  
C. L. MANDEVILLE.  
S J. ESSINGTON.  
Committee.

## Report of Committee on Inspector's Report:

*To the Officers and Members of the Fifth Annual Convention :*

We the undersigned Committee on Inspectors Report, would respectfully submit the following:

We find the report correct in every detail. It is written in a neat and concise manner, showing the writer to be thoroughly acquainted with the duties appertaining to her office, and we as a Committee feel proud to report Colorado as having such an efficient and competent Inspector. We heartily endorse the recommendation of memorizing the Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,  
KATIE C. KENNEDY,  
CAMILLA SMITH,  
MRS. L. A. DOBSON.



*To Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, Department President Colorado W. R. C.*

Your Committee appointed on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That the Members of this Convention, extend most heartfelt thanks to the ladies of the U. S. Grant Corps, No. 15. of Greeley, and the ladies assisting for the right royal, and most generous manner in which they have entertained us during our sojourn among them.

Resolved: That Greeley with its beautiful homes and spreading trees, the culture of its people, and cleanness of its morals, verifies anew the wisdom of that eccentric old man who will forever stand forth as one of the great figures of American history, and is a living fulfillment of the Prophecy that "The desert shall blossom as the rose."

Resolved: That the important thought, whose seed was years ago dropped into the hearts of our Corps and Posts all over the State, and whose fruitage is now beginning in a cosy little retreat at Golden, is a permanent Soldier's Home.

Resolved: That the Legislature is a humbug, and knows more about the number of people needed to hold down furniture in the Legislative Halls, than about the needs of the old soldier.

Resolved: That it is the sentiment of this Convention that, while our Department President, in calling it "that bourne from whence no wanderer returns," has somewhat slandered the fair as well as far valley of San Luis, whose rugged saw toothed mountains have for centuries thrown back in lavish gorgeous coloring, the morning and the evening lights, man cannot live on scenery alone.

Resolved: That this is especially true of the old soldier of the Pioneer States. Four years of his life, the years that other young men of the nation spend in gathering material upon which to construct their future moral, intellectual and financial successes, were spent in viewing sights the awful grandeur of which will never be effaced from their minds. Years of his later life have been spent in mountain gorges and lonely valleys. There amidst the grandest scenery that ever God dropped to earth for the benefit of man, he has buried alas! his final hopes of earthly success. Nature has placed grand monuments above his grave, sighing pines and murmuring waters sing a constant requiem above them, but at best a grave yard is not a cheerful place of residence.

Resolved: That all our influence should be given toward having the Home established in some place where, amid the busy scenes of active life, and the many advantages of a city, the old soldier may find a surcease of sorrows that have crowded out too many of the joys of life.

Resolved: That as an assembly we join with our Department President in extending our grateful thanks to the Union Pacific, and Santa Fe R. R. Cos. for generous favors extended during the past year.

Resolved: That in the absence of our Past Department President, Mrs. Mary J. Telford, we miss a gracious and cheering presence and that we earnestly regret the unfortunate illness that has kept her from this convention.

Resolved: That while we as a Grand Army, male and female, would deprecate any attempt to make our organization a political one, we still realize that we represent an important factor in the intelligent voting power of the country. The men who sacrificed a portion of their youth, that rare and fleeting boon of life, to tell our Dixie Cousins, with the flash of sword and boom of cannon, that "United we stand," and that our "Standing" was a limitless force, had not reached the cross of human actions, where they could say with the Master, "It is finished," rather was the work only begun. Saved by battle fire, we need an even more glorious salvation in peace, a salvation that will place our country above the influence of political jobbers. We bade our boys farewell a quarter of a century ago, and dried our tears that we might see to guide the plow, and save the Country's business interests from destruction. We did not hesitate to follow them to hospital and battle field. They need us now to stand by them in resisting the insidious floods that threaten them on many sides. A politician is a necessary evil. Our salvation rests in the fact that among many who are unreliable and unscrupulous, there is a grand body of men who even dare to be politicians, not in the least afraid of contamination. Men as brave to enter the volunteer service in time of peace, and as staunch to stand by their convictions, as in the old war days. All honor to them. It is our duty to stand by the Grand Army of the Republic, and insist with all honorable politicians, that only honest men shall fill our offices, not forgetting the wise admonition that fell from loving lips, eighteen hundred years ago, "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

EUGENIA OLNEY.

MARY M. COLLINS.

ANNA YELTON.

Committee.

Reports were adopted without discussion.

Miss Smith of Garfield Corps read the report of the Committee on the Inspector's Report, in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Kennedy,

Mrs. Henderson—You have heard the report of the Committee on the Inspector's Report, and I will add, that I feel very proud of the work of the Inspector for the past year. Our National Inspector has said, that our Department Inspector's tabulated report was the most perfect in every respect, that she had received from any Department, except that of New Hampshire, and I think that is doing exceedingly well for a member of a comparatively new Corps, remote from Department Headquarters. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted, with a vote of thanks added. Carried.

Mrs. Henderson—Our thanks are due to the Santa Fe Railway, for favors extended to a part of the delegation to the National Convention, also to the Union Pacific Railway for favors extended.

Mrs. Olney—Mrs. President, I think that we as a Department owe a special vote of thanks to Mr. Horace Henderson through whom many favors have been tendered from the Union Pacific. I think they should be particularly mentioned.

Mrs. Henderson—The next in order is unfinished business. I would like to hear from the different representatives before we discuss the question of providing for the maintenance of the Soldier's Home. A resolution is to be introduced into the G. A. R. encampment, that they shall share one half of the expense of that undertaking. I would like to hear from that, before taking final action.

With regard to the election of officers, with the



consent of the Convention, I have decided to appoint two o'clock for that order of business. I do not approve of putting business so important off until the last moment.

The exemplification of the Ritual will then follow. This is of course subject to the wishes of the Convention. I would like to ask Mrs Howard what hour would be most convenient for the exemplification of the Ritual.

Four o'clock being decided upon it was set for that hour. The President then called for reports of the present condition of each Corps. Every Corps in the Department was represented except E. V. Sumner, Silver Cliff. Full and interesting accounts of the work were given; the new Corps particularly giving gratifying statements of the interest and enthusiasm among their members.

It was moved and duly seconded, that the Proceedings of this Convention be printed. Carried. An informal discussion of the ways and means of carrying on the Soldier's Home followed, in which the members very generally joined.

Adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION, SECOND DAY.

Convention called to order by the Department President. The reading of the minutes of the morning session was deferred. President stated a resolution had been offered in the G. A. R. Encampment, to pay fifty dollars per month towards defraying the expenses of a Soldier's Home at Golden. The news was received with applause.

An invitation was received, to join the comrades in a public installation of officers. Moved and duly seconded, that it be accepted. Carried.

Next in order was the consideration of the Secretary's and Treasurer's salary. Moved by Emma Smidle, seconded by Mrs. McBeth, that each receive fifty dollars per year. After some discussion the motion prevailed. While waiting for the report of the Committee on return greetings to the G. A. R. Encampment, the ritualistic work of the Order was discussed and many practical suggestions were offered by various members.

The election of officers was declared next in order. The Secretary was instructed to call the roll. Whole number entitled to vote, 56. The following members were appointed tellers, Camilla Smith, L. C. Herriott and Lida E. Fitch.

Nominations for Department President were declared in order, and Mrs. Hawes in a few well chosen remarks, nominated Augusta B. Henderson for the second term. Seconded by the whole convention. Moved by Mrs. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Spreyer; that she be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Mrs. Handyside nominated Mrs. Hogarty of U. S. Grant Corps for S. V. President, seconded by Mrs. Hardin. On motion of Mrs. Klock, duly seconded, she was elected by acclamation.

Mrs Handyside nominated Mrs. Hamm of Jas. A. Garfield Corps, for J. V. President, seconded by Mrs. Hawes.

On motion of Mrs. Hardin, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, she was elected by acclamation.

The following persons were nominated for

Treasurer, M. J. Handyside of Veteran Corps, Lettie Kessler of Farragut Corps, Diana Dill of Veteran Corps, Mrs. Melburn of Veteran Corps. Mrs. Handyside having, positively declined the honor, the convention proceeded to vote for the remaining candidates, with the following result, Mrs. Kessler, 28; Mrs. Dill 18; Mrs. Melburn 6.

Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Melburn withdrawing, on motion duly seconded, Mrs Kessler was elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Olney and Mrs. Handyside were nominated for the office of Delegate at Large.

The result of the ballot was in favor of Mrs. Olney, of Gunnison Corps, who received 31 votes Mrs. Handyside 20. Mrs. Merideth of Veteran Corps was nominated for Chaplain, which was duly seconded. On motion of Mrs. Klock, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy, she was elected by acclamation.

The following named members were elected, and constitute the Executive Board.

1. Charlotte Coe, Chairman J. H. Dodd Corps, Golden.
2. M. Berwick Anderson, Nathaniel Lyon Corps, Boulder.
3. Nellie Stolbrand, G. H. Thomas Corps, Ft. Collins.
4. America Anderson, Geo. G. Meade Corps, Denver.
5. Francis Klock Geo. G. Meade Corps, Denver.

The President appointed Lida E. Fitch, Dept. Inspector, Custer Corps. Laramie, Wyo.; Phillis Carleton C. I. & I. officer, W. S. Hancock Corps. Glenwood Springs; Catherine C. Kennedy, Counselor, Farragut Corps, Denver.



Next in order was the exemplification of the Ritual by U. S. Grant Corps, Greeley, which was perfect, even to the smallest detail.

The Guards announced a Committee in the ante-room from the G. A. R. Encampment. The Conductor was instructed to escort them in. They were Comrades Kennedy and McClanathan, who had come to inform the Convention that the Encampment had decided to give fifty dollars per month towards the maintenance of the Home at Golden. The good news was received with great applause.

The Dept. President in behalf of the Convention, warmly thanked them, for their liberality.

The Comrades withdrew, and business was again resumed. Moved and duly seconded, that Charlotte Coe be appointed matron of the temporary Home, for one year. Carried.

Joseph A. Mower Corps, Breckenridge, pledged four dollars per month towards the support of the Home.

Jas. A. Garfield Corps, Leadville, pledged five dollars per month to the same object. Other Corps through their representatives promised to give liberally.

There being no other business to dispose of, the President declared the Fifth Annual Convention of the W. R. C. closed.

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS.

Department Secretary.



## GENERAL ORDERS, 1888.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO, }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }  
DENVER, COLO., MARCH 21, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 1. }

I—For the honor conferred upon me by the Fourth Annual Convention, of the Department of Colorado, Woman's Relief Corps, I return thanks. My earnest endeavor will be to advance and perpetuate the aims of our Order.

II—The specific line of work for the ensuing year will be:

(a)—The immediate relief of such Union veterans and their families as need our aid and care.

(b.)—The establishment of a Soldiers' Home.

(c.)—The beautifying of the Soldiers' Cemetery.

(d.)—The relief of an aged army nurse, a member of Greenwood Corps, Canon City, who served her country faithfully for four years at the front, caring for the sick and wounded in the hospital, and on the battle field; and who is now destitute. She only asks that the Woman's Relief Corps shall help her to obtain a pension. Let us be better to her than her hopes.

III.—The following appointments are announced:

Department Secretary, Mrs. Libbie K. Daniels, Denver.

Chairman Department Relief Committee, Mrs. Olive Hogle,  
Denver.

IV.—All orders for the payment of per capita tax must be made payable to the new Department Treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Handyside, Denver.

V.—Newly elected and staff officers will be announced in future orders.

VI.—Headquarters have been established at 1404 Larimer street.

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON.

Department President.



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }  
DENVER, COLO., April 14th, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS,  
No. 2.

I. The Fourth Annual Convention of the Department of Colorado, Woman's Relief Corps, held in Cheyenne, March 13-14, elected the following officers:

President—Augusta B. Henderson, 929 Clarkson street, Denver.  
Senior Vice President—Clementine L. Hawes, Greeley.  
Junior Vice President—Lida E. Fitch, Laramie Wyo.  
Treasurer—Mary J. Handyside, Denver,  
Chaplain—Laura Hyatt, Golden.

Executive Board—Mrs. Minerva Corbin, Breckenridge; Mrs. Emma Plummer, Idaho Springs; Mrs. Emily H. Jones, Greeley; Mrs. Diana Dill, Denver; Mrs. Marie Cowell, Denver.

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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

*Delegates.*

*Alternates.*

Olive Hogle, (at large) Denver. Della L. Kelsay, (at large) Leadville.  
Jennie G. Harper, Greeley, Diana Dill, Denver.

The following appointments have been made:

Department Secretary—Mrs. Libbie Kent Daniels, Denver.

Department Corresponding Secretary,— Anna M. Hamilton, Denver.

Inspector—Rose L. Layton, Grand Junction.

Counselor—Mary Jewett Telford, Denver.

Chief I. and I. Officer—Lizzie Spreyer, Canon City.

Chairman of Department Relief Committee—Mrs. Olive Hogle.

Committee on Relief of Army Nurses—Mrs. Katie C. Kennedy, Denver; Mary J. Ingersoll, Denver; Eugenia Olney, Gunnison.

Chairman of Committee on Beautifying Soldier's Cemetery—Mrs. America Anderson, Denver.

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DEPARTMENT AIDES.

Miss Lizzie Hooper, Idaho Springs, Mrs. Maria L. Tidd, Gunnison,  
Mrs. Katie C. Kennedy, Denver, Mrs. E. R. Meredeth, Denver,  
Mrs. Mina Sanford, Pueblo. Mrs. Nellie Hart, Greeley,  
Mrs. Ira Phillips, Breckenridge, Harriet E. Abbey, Grand Junction  
Mrs. Charlotte Coe, Golden, Mrs. Lucretia Dobson, Canon City,  
Mrs. Helen Eldridge, Denver. Mrs. Ellen Burnham, Aspen.

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Mrs. Jane Bourne, Silver Cliff,      Mrs. Annie B. Knight, Laramie,  
Mrs. Della S. Kelsay, Leadville,      Mrs. Nola Grass, Trinidad,  
Mrs. Vira Harrison, Loveland,      Olive Voorhees, Glenwood Springs

III. Attention is called to the following decisions of the Fourth Annual Convention.

1. That the per capita tax remain at twenty cents a quarter.
2. That the Department Secretary be paid a salary of \$100 per annum.
3. That the Corps of this Department be asked to contribute to the Department Relief Fund.
4. That each Corps be asked to assist an aged army nurse, a member of Greenwood Corps, Canon City, who desires the help of our organization to secure a pension. Let each Corps send a substantial proof of its sympathy and aid, not as *charity*, but as a slight recognition of services rendered; services which can never in this life be fully repaid. All communications regarding the fund for this individual case should be addressed to Katie C. Kennedy.

IV. A "Roll of Honor" is hereby established for all Corps sending correct reports of both Secretary and Treasurer, on or before the fifth day after the close of each quarter.

V. Quarterly reports must be made out at last meeting in the quarter, and sent to Department Secretary, with per capita tax enclosed, made payable to Department Treasurer.

VI. All orders for supplies must be made on Requisition blanks. These blanks are furnished free on application to Mrs. Mary J. Handyside, Department Treasurer.

VII. A strictly cash system is strongly urged upon all conducting the affairs of this Department. Let the money accompany each order for Corps supplies, that the Department Treasurer may herself be able to pay cash for all orders on the National Treasurer.

VIII. Corps Presidents will forward through their Corresponding Secretaries any item of interest concerning their work, social events, etc., to the Department Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna M. Hamilton, who will compile them for publication.

IX. Department Aides will prepare themselves to institute Corps, install officers and respond to any special call for work.

X. The outlook for the future is very encouraging. Our membership is steadily increasing. Enthusiastic and efficient workers are being raised up to carry on the willing labor of grateful hearts. Let us each forget self, and, with a humble reliance upon our Heavenly

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Father, do with our might what our hands find to do, knowing that we 'pass' this way but once, and what we do must be done quickly.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON, Dept. Pres.

LIBBIE KENT-DANIELS, Dept. Sec'y.

ROSTER OF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO,  
W. R. C.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>President.</i>
1	Farragut,	Denver,	Mrs. Ida DeLange.
2	Upton,	Pueblo,	Adaline A. Hilburn.
3	Jas. A. Mower,	Breckenridge,	Minerva Corbin.
4	Colorado Springs,	Colorado Springs,	
5	T. H. Dodd,	Golden,	Emily Wheeler.
6	Geo. G. Meade,	Denver,	Parthenia M. McBeth.
7	E. V. Sumner,	Silver Cliff,	Anna A. B. Townsend.
8	James A. Garfield	Leadville,	Ella Parker.
10	A. E. Burnside,	Loveland,	Hattie M. Monroe,
12	Gunnison,	Gunnison,	Jessie Sharp Purrier,
14	Veteran,	Denver,	Emily Cohen,
15	U. S. Grant,	Greeley,	Mrs. Howard,
17	Grand Junction,	Grand Junction,	M. A. Smith.
18	Greenwood,	Canon City,	Mary E. Godfrey,
19	Winfield Scott,	Aspen,	Laura M. Freeman.
20	Custer	Laramie, Wyoming,	Sarah Wallace Peas.
21	E. R. S. Canby,	Trinidad,	Abbie Dodd,
22	Baker,	Idaho Springs,	Emma Plummer,
23	W. S. Hancock,	Glenwood Springs,	Phillis Carlton,

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT, }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
DENVER, COLO., MAY 7, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 3, }

I. In accordance with our solemn obligation "to perpetuate the memory of our heroic dead, and to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children," the Department President, hereby enjoins upon each Corps the duty of rendering every aid and assistance possible, to the Posts whose auxiliary they are, in the proper observance of Memorial Day.

In tender, reverent memory of the legions who yielded up their lives on their country's altar, let us go forth laden with earth's fairest



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blossoms to deck the last resting place of those who lie within our own borders.

Like Rizpah of old, whose name has come down to us through the ages as one who faithfully and tearfully guarded her dead, let us honor the graves of those who went forth in the glory of their manhood to return no more.

But in the resurrection of tender leaves and fair, pure lilies from the grey sand beneath our feet, may we learn the lesson, that, by a like miracle, though a man die he shall live again, and that, when the last trump shall sound, those whom we mourn to-day shall rise again.

Let us also remember the faithful who fell on Southern fields, whose sepulchre no man knows, whose ashes are alone guarded by One who never slumbers nor sleeps; who, by a lonely mountain, buried his own faithful servant from human sight. He is able to bring again our unknown dead.

In grateful remembrance of the brave women who left their homes to minister to the wounded and dying, in hospital or on the field, let us in spirit crown them with immortelles. From their ranks a noble spirit has passed away since the last May blossoms were strewn on the patriot dead; Miss Dortha Dix, of beloved memory, has gone to her reward.

Among our own members Death has entered, taking those who were faithful in the hour of their country's greatest need, and whose lives have been one long sacrifice on the altar of Freedom. Let us mingle our tears with those who mourn the loss of friends who have been called up higher. Let us wreath their graves with fragrant flowers.

In the ceaseless march to the halls of the dead, we have all joined. We halt one day to hold in grateful remembrance those who fell by the wayside fighting for their country. Let us so live that when for us the last Memorial day shall come, we may go gladly to that country of whose glories is "naught more wondrous told us than these few words: 'I shall be satisfied.'"

II. Corps Presidents will see that Corps Chaplains make prompt returns on Memorial Day Blanks to the Department Chaplain, Mrs. Laura Hyatt, Golden, immediately after Memorial Day, who will consolidate the same, and forward without delay to the National Chaplain, that the Department may have a creditable showing in the National Convention.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Dept. President,

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dept. Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO, }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF ORPS, }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }

GENERAL ORDERS, {  
No. 4. }

DENVER, COLORADO, June 27, 1888.

I. Arrangements for accommodation of all visitors to the National Convention of the W. R. C. in Columbus, on the 12th of September next, are being rapidly perfected.

II. Headquarters of the Colorado Department will be established in the church of Wesley Chapel. These headquarters are without cost to the Department, and are within two and one half squares of the place of convention.

III. It is expected that the fare for the round trip from Denver to Columbus will be less than thirty dollars. The G. A. R. will charter a special train, and as it is essential that the number of those wishing transportation should be reported as soon as possible Corps Presidents will at once ascertain the number of members desiring to secure the special rates, and report without delay, to Mrs. Libbie Kent Daniels, Department Secretary.

IV. The following is a complete list of representatives and delegates to the Sixth National Convention, W. R. C., from this Department.

National Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Stimson.

Past Presidents, Katie C. Kennedy, Mary Jewett Telford.

President Augusta B. Henderson.

S. V. President, Clementine L. Hawes.

J. V. President, Lida E. Fitch.

Secretary, Libbie Kent Daniels.

Delegates Olive Hogle (at large.)

Jennie G. Harper.

Alternates Delle L. Kelsay.

Diana Dill.

Delegates and alternates to National Convention who cannot attend, will forward their names to these headquarters by July 15th, that their successors may be elected.

V. Hotel rates are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. Meals can be procured in private families and boarding houses from 25 to 50 cents per meal. Lodgings can be obtained in private families at moderate rates. The W. R. C. Convention will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church. Arrangements will be made by which the ladies may have a noon lunch served to them near the church.

VI. There will be a meeting of the Department Council on Friday, July 6th, in Meade Corps Headquarters, Strauss Hall, 1625 Larimer street, at 4:30 p. m.

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VII. That there may be a complete uniformity in our ritualistic work, and to the end that Corps graded "Fair" at our last inspection may be advanced in grade the Department President will detail a competent instructor to any Corps desiring instruction or exemplification of our secret work, the necessary traveling expenses of the instructor to be paid by the Corps.

Corps not represented in National Convention are recommended to make arrangements for instruction immediately after the session in Columbus, that they may be thoroughly prepared for inspection.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Dep't President.

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dep't Secretary.

ROSTER OF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO,  
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8	James A. Garfield	Leadville,	Ella Parker.
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12	Gunnison,	Gunnison,	Jessie Sharp Purrier,
14	Veteran,	Denver,	Emily Cohen,
15	U. S. Grant,	Greeley,	Mrs. Howard,
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22	Baker,	Idaho Springs,	Emma Plummer,
23	W. S. Hancock,	Glenwood Springs,	Phillis Carlton,
24.	Evans,	Evans,	Martha Beeson.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO,  
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GENERAL ORDERS, {  
No. 5. }

DENVER, COLORADO, August 29, 1888

The Department President and Staff will leave Denver for the



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National Convention in Columbus at 1 o'clock p. m., on Friday, Sept. 7th, via Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

Members of the Order, their friends and the outside public wishing to avail themselves of this route, and who live at points remote from this city, can join headquarters' train at Colorado Springs at 3 p. m., September 7th, and at Pueblo at 5 o'clock the same evening.

Fare for the round trip will not exceed-\$31.90, exclusive of sleepers. The department of Kansas Women's Relief Corps, has tendered a cordial invitation to the members of the Colorado W. R. C. to stop over at Emporia for a reception and banquet. The Department President has accepted this courteous invitation on behalf of the Colorado delegation, and we therefore ask all members of our Order to join us in accepting the hospitality of our Kansas sisters who will accompany us to Columbus.

II. Carl N. Bancroft, Chairman of W. R. C. Committee, issues the following notice. "Delegations on their arrival in the city, may repair directly to their lodgings without waiting for escort, and will please report at Committee Headquarters, Masonic Cathedral, No. 186 South Third street, as soon as practicable thereafter.

III. Colorado Headquarters W. R. C., will be established at Wesley Chapel, corner of Fourth and Broad streets, Columbus. Comrades of the Grand Army and all friends will be heartily welcomed

IV. Corps Presidents are charged with prompt distribution of these orders.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dep't President.

Dep't Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }

GENERAL ORDERS. /  
No. 6. }

DENVER, COLORADO., Oct. 16, 1888.

I. In conformity to instructions received from National Headquarters, there will be a thorough and systematic inspection of every Corps in this Department, before the annual election in December.

II. The Department President will personally inspect the Corps which she has not hitherto visited officially.

III. Corps Presidents are hereby instructed to see that all books and records are ready for examination. Corps Secretaries must give the number of meetings held during the year, and the

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average attendance of officers and members. Corps Treasurers must state the amount expended in relief from October 1st 1887, to October 1st 1888.

IV. The complete order of business must be carried out, particular attention being given to the method of balloting, and unwritten work of the order.

V. Assistant Inspectors will give all necessary instruction in ritualistic work, particularly to Corps recently organized.

VI. Corps Presidents will be notified of the time of inspection, which may be at a regular or special meeting.

VII. Blanks will be issued to Assistant Inspectors, who will fill them out and forward to Department Inspector, Mrs. Rose L. Layton, Grand Junction, within ten days after inspection.

VIII. The necessary traveling expenses of Inspecting officers will be paid by the Department, but local expenses must be borne by the Corps.

IX. The annual election of Corps Officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Every Corps member should be notified, and it is imperative that only those should be selected for office, who are especially fitted to fill the various positions, that our work may be successfully carried on.

X. The basis of representation remains the same, viz, one delegate and one alternate for every twenty members in good standing, Sept. 30, 1888, and one additional for a final fraction of more than ten. Each Corps is entitled to one delegate and one alternate, whatever its number.

XI. The Department President congratulates the Corps Presidents upon the promptness and accuracy of most of their reports. The "Roll of Honor" for the second quarter has first on its list, U. S. Grant, No. 15, of Greeley, closely followed by Farragut No. 1, of Denver. The places are reversed the third quarter, and Farragut of Denver, heads the list.

XII. Colorado has been honored by the appointment of Mrs. Olive Hogle, Past Dept. Treasurer, as National Inspector. She has served this Department long and faithfully, and although she is passing through the furnace of affliction, in the loss of an only and beloved daughter, she will find solace for her sorrows in caring for others, and will serve the National organization no less faithfully than the Department.

XIII. As the season approaches when we shall be taxed to the utmost to meet the calls upon us for aid, let us work with renewed energy for the relief of those whom we are pledged to care for, who often must be sought out and comforted, not only with substantial aid, but with sympathy as well. We have not yet a "Home" for our

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veterans, but we will not despair, nor be discouraged. We are auxiliary to the Grand Army, and while they take the initiative, we can only stand ready to help when called upon. The waiting may be hard to bear, but we feel assured that our comrades are working hard for the establishment of the "Home," and their efforts will be ultimately crowned with success.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dep't President.

Dep't Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO, }  
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GENERAL ORDERS, {  
No. 7. }

DENVER, COLORADO, Feb. 12, 1889.

I. The Fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Colorado, will be held in Masonic Hall, Greeley, Colo., March 13 and 14, 1889. The opening session will commence promptly at 10 a. m., March 13. Headquarters will be established at the Oasis Hotel.

II. A meeting of the Executive Board is hereby called at headquarters on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p. m., to audit the books of the Department, and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

III. The following Committee on Credentials is appointed:

Mrs. Libbie Kent Daniels, Dep't Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Jewett Telford, No. 1.

Mrs. Ida Phillips, No. 4.

IV. The Department Convention shall consist (a) of all Department officers, (b) all Past Department and Corps Presidents as long as they remain in good standing in their respective Corps, (c) all Corps Presidents, or in their absence, Vice Presidents, according to seniority, (d) regularly elected delegates, or in their absence, regular elected alternates.

V. Corps instituted since January 1st, 1889, will be represented by the president, or, in her absence, by the Senior or Junior Vice-President.

VI. Corps Secretaries will notify Department Secretary at once of any change in delegation, that the roll of convention may be correct.

VII. It is earnestly desired that all Corps shall assist in defraying expenses of their delegates.



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VIII. The books of Dept. Treasurer will close on March 5th. All supplies needed, must be ordered before that date, and all accounts must be settled without delay.

IX. New "Service Books," at 25 cents each, will be delivered at Convention. Corps Presidents will come prepared to receive two for each Corps. Old Service Books will be retained for Burial Service.

X. Each Corps President or other representative will be expected to give a short summary of the work of the year, and the present condition of her Corps.

XI. Corps Secretaries will at once send to these headquarters the names of members who have been removed by death, that appropriate mention may be made of their life and service in our work.

XII. Delegates will consult Post Commanders, regarding railroad rates. It is expected that half-rate fare can be procured.

XIII. Hotel rates are from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day. Meals can be obtained at restaurants and private houses for 25 cents each. Lodgings for two persons will be 75 cents per day. All information concerning accommodations can be obtained by addressing, Mrs. Emily H. Jones, Greeley, Colo.

XIV. The Ritual will be exemplified by U. S. Grant, No. 15. Visiting members of our Order are invited to be present at this and all sessions of the Convention.

XV. The following Corps have been instituted since last General Order: Thornburg, No. 25, Georgetown, Geo. H. Thomas, No. 26, Ft. Collins, Nathaniel Lyon, No. 27, Boulder.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Dept. President.

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dept. Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO, }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }

CIRCULAR LETTER, {  
No. 1. }

DENVER, COLORADO, June 20, 1888.

The establishment of the Soldier's Home is now an assured fact. Our Comrades of the Grand Army whom we have pledged ourselves to help in every way, have asked the Woman's Relief Corps to take the entire charge of furnishing this 'haven of rest' for our weary and foot sore veterans. I feel sure that the several Corps of this Department will vie with each other, in their efforts to further this

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noble charity; since the relief of the soldier is the purpose for which they are organized. ↵

Let each Corps contribute money, goods, bedding, books, anything which will be of use for the thorough equipment of the Home.

I am aware some of our Corps are few in membership, and that money is hard to obtain. If such will solicit contributions from outsiders, and make up in zeal and work what they lack in money, the results will be gratifying. Let each individual Corps member, feel a responsibility in this most important work. I should be glad if the large and flourishing Corps would each furnish one room entire, when the main building is erected. The immediate wants for the temporary building will be sheets, pillow slips, blankets, towels, quilts, etc. Donations of money for the "Home" will be sent to Department Treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Handyside, and I most earnestly request Corps that have a large Relief Fund to donate money, as necessary articles must be purchased here as soon as the soldier's tents are pitched. Corps will retain all articles furnished until we notify them of the exact address of the "Home."

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Dept. President.

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dept. Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO, }  
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CIRCULAR LETTER, }  
No. 3. }

DENVER, COLORADO, December, 5, 1888.

Corps Presidents are instructed to ascertain at once the number and condition of all army nurses, within their jurisdiction, answering the following questions.

1. Give name.
2. Present address.
3. Age when appointed.
4. By whom appointed.
5. Length of service.
6. Where discharged.
7. Present circumstances or occupation.
8. Remarks stating place of service, and whether field or hospital.

Reference should be sent with each statement, verifying its authenticity. Immediate return must be made as soon as the necessary documents are completed, in order that each army nurse

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may be remembered with a Christmas gift. Corps Presidents will forward such documents directly to Mrs. Kate Sherwood, Chairman Pension and Relief Committee, Toledo, Ohio.

Duplicate copies must be sent to these headquarters that the names and the history of all army nurses within this department may be placed on file for future reference.

II. Corps Presidents are reminded that election returns must be forwarded after installation, instead of election as heretofore.

III. Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, Aides and Past Corps Presidents (not the retiring ones) are hereby appointed Installing officers. Should none of the above be available, a Post Commander or Past Post Commander can be detailed.

IV. Installing officers must forward to the Chief I. & I. Officer, Mrs. Lizzie Spreyer, Canon City, without delay, a report of the installation performed by them, and all items of interest connected therewith. Where it is desired, a joint installation of Post and Corps is recommended.

V. Corps Treasurers are reminded that no member can be lawfully suspended or dropped, who has not been officially notified of her delinquency, and they are hereby instructed to restore to the rolls any who may have been dropped without the necessary notice.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Dept. President.

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dept. Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. }  
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CIRCULAR LETTER, {  
No. 4. }

DENVER, COLORADO, Dec. 20, 1888.

Corps Presidents are hereby directed to forward by express without unnecessary delay, to Mrs. Mary J. Handyside, Department Treasurer, 1529 Lawrence street, all articles prepared or contributed to the proposed Soldier's Home. A careful inventory must accompany each package, with the value affixed, signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Corps. A duplicate copy of the same must be retained by the Corps President.

By command of

AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON,

Dept. President.

LIBBIE KENT DANIELS,

Dept. Secretary.





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W. R. C.,

AUXILIARY OF THE G. A. R.

HELD AT MANITOU, COLORADO,

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## Proceedings of the Convention.

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The Seventh Annual Convention of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Woman's Relief Corps, opened at 9:45 A. M., April 28, in Knights of Pythias Hall, with Department President, America Anderson, in the chair. The President gave greetings to the members of the Department, followed by the singing of "America" by the Convention, after which prayer was offered by the Department Chaplain, America Whist.

The President then declared the Convention open for any business that might properly come before it.

### ROLL OF DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

President . . . .	*AMERICA ANDERSON.
Sr. Vice-President . .	*M. BERWICK ANDERSON.
Jr. Vice-President . .	*MARY ELDRIDGE.
Secretary . . . .	*SARAH E. CALVERT.
Treasurer . . . .	*IDA DeLANGE.
Chaplain . . . .	*AMERICA WHIST.
Councillor . . . .	*CLIMENA HOWARD.
Inspector . . . .	*IDA PHILLIPS.
Chief I. & I. O. . .	*MARY E. INGERSOLL.

#### PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS.

KATIE C. KENNEDY.  
MARY JEWETT TELFORD.  
AUGUSTA B. HENDERSON.

\*Denotes members present.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

### ROSTER.

#### FARRAGUT CORPS No. 1—Denver.

Past Corps President .....	*Katie C. Kennedy.
Past Corps President .....	*Mary Jewett Telford.
Past Corps President .....	*Hannah B. Wilson.
Past Corps President .....	Ida DeLange.
Past Corps President .....	Lettie Kessler.
Corps President .....	*Jennie McGill.
Delegate .....	*Mrs. Barnes.
Delegate .....	*Mary Condit.
Alternate .....	Elora Cyphers.
Alternate .....	Maria Goff.

#### UPTON CORPS No. 2—Pueblo.

Past Corps President .....	Emily Stillwell.
Past Corps President .....	*Mina Sanford.
Past Corps President .....	Anna Richabaugh.
Past Corps President .....	Laura Mason.
Past Corps President .....	*Sallie J. Essington.
Corps President .....	*Lovina Carpenter.
Delegate .....	*Derosia Simmers.
Alternate .....	Loretta Mumanah.

#### J. C. MOWER CORPS No. 3—Breckenridge.

Past Corps President .....	Mary A. Huntress.
Past Corps President .....	*Ida L. Phillips.
Corps President .....	Mary A. Huntress.
Delegate .....	*Mrs. Hamerslag.
Alternate .....	Carrie Radigan.

#### COLORADO SPRINGS CORPS No. 4.

##### Colorado Springs.

Past Corps President .....	*Ella L. C. Dwinell.
Corps President .....	*Ella L. C. Dwinell.
Delegate .....	*Emily De La Vergne.
Alternate .....	*Laura Farrar.

#### T. H. TODD CORPS No. 5—Golden.

Past Corps President .....	Laura Gattue.
Past Corps President .....	Emily H. Wheeler.
Past Corps President .....	Charlotte R. Coe.
Corps President .....	*Mary A. Eldridge.
Delegate .....	Lydia Wright.
Delegate .....	Fannie Cunningham.
Alternate .....	C. M. Johnson.
Alternate .....	*Sarah Russell.

GEORGE G. MEADE CORPS No. 6—Denver.

Past Corps President .....	America Anderson.
Past Corps President .....	Frances I. Klock.
Past Corps President .....	Libbie K. Daniels.
Past Corps President .....	Parthenia McBeth.
Past Corps President .....	*Emma Smidle.
Past Corps President .....	*Elizabeth J. Peabody.
Corps President .....	*Alice F. Smith.
Delegate .....	*Margeha Hamilton.
Delegate .....	*Mrs. Patton.
Delegate .....	*Lida C. Dunnigan.
Delegate .....	*Annie E. Steele.
Alternate .....	Annie Miller.
Alternate .....	Florence Walker.
Alternate .....	*Lizzie E. Allen.
Alternate .....	M. C. Sickels.

E. V. SUMNER CORPS No. 7—Silver Cliff.

Past Corps President .....	Mrs. Holland.
Past Corps President .....	Anna Townsend.
Past Corps President .....	Lillie Cole.
Past Corps President .....	*Harriett Todd.
Corps President .....	Ella D. Low.
Delegate .....	Harriett Todd.
Alternate .....	Myra Lawrence.

JAMES A. GARFIELD CORPS No. 8—Leadville.

Past Corps President .....	Florence Gross.
Past Corps President .....	Camilla Smith Fair.
Past Corps President .....	Maggie Shea.
Past Corps President .....	Della Kelsay.
Corps President .....	*Susie J. Searl.
Delegate .....	Mary Brown.
Delegate .....	*Maria D. Wolcott.
Delegate .....	*Matilde Hoffman.
Alternate .....	Mary Riley.
Alternate .....	Hattie Kirby.
Alternate .....	J. W. Hight.

J. F. REYNOLDS CORPS No. 9—Cheyenne, Wyo.

Past Corps President .....	Hattie E. Cowhick.
Corps President .....	*Frances E. Hale.
Delegate .....	*Sadie M. Fisher.
Delegate .....	*Emily O'Brien.
Alternate .....	Bessie W. Fisher.
Alternate .....	Bertha Myers.

GUNNISON CORPS No. 12—Gunnison.

Past Corps President .....	Jessie Sharp Purrier.
Corps President .....	Eugenia Olney.
Delegate .....	Susie Gullett.
Alternate .....	Maria La Count.



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## VETERAN CORPS No. 14—Denver.

Past Corps President .....	*Olive Hogle.
Past Corps President .....	Janette Todd.
Past Corps President .....	Emily Cohen.
Past Corps President .....	Mary Handyside.
Past Corps President .....	*Salome Jones.
Corps President .....	Salome Jones.
Delegate .....	Lucy Capron.
Delegate .....	*Alice Lyons.
Delegate .....	*Jennie Melburn.
Delegate .....	*Ruth McGill.
Alternate .....	Lucy Girard.
Alternate .....	*Lucy McMahon.
Alternate .....	Louise De Camp.
Alternate .....	Anna Fair.

## U. S. GRANT CORPS No. 15—Greeley.

Past Corps President .....	Emily H. Jones.
Past Corps President .....	Sarah A. Hogarty.
Past Corps President .....	Climena G. Howard.
Past Corps President .....	Jennie G. Harper.
Corps President .....	*Josephine A. Cheeseman.
Delegate .....	*Mary A. McElroy.
Delegate .....	Mary Law.
Delegate .....	*May S. Hotchkiss.
Delegate .....	*Lucy J. Dresser.
Alternate .....	Eunice A. Nims.
Alternate .....	Lizzie Steele.
Alternate .....	Libby Watson.
Alternate .....	Mary Pealy.

## GRAND JUNCTION CORPS No. 17—Grand Junction.

Past Corps President .....	Ella B. Ackerman.
Past Corps President .....	Jennie N. Sumner.
Corps President .....	Harrie E. Abbey.
Delegate .....	Laura Snyder.
Alternate .....	Mary L. Steele.

## GREENWOOD CORPS No. 18—Canon City.

Past Corps President .....	Mrs. Godfrey.
Past Corps President .....	Lizzie Spryer.
Past Corps President .....	Lucretia Dobson.
Corps President .....	Lida Stuckey.
Delegate .....	*Mary De Noon.
Alternate .....	Della Johnson.

## WINFIELD SCOTT CORPS No. 19—Aspen.

Past Corps President .....	Emma L. Gartley.
Past Corps President .....	Martha Mattoon.
Corps President .....	Mary Warner.
Delegate .....	*Gwendoline Powel.
Delegate .....	Mary Eastman.
Alternate .....	Emma L. Gartley.
Alternate .....	Laura Buchanan.

## CUSTER CORPS No. 20—Laramie, Wyo.

Past Corps President.....	Sarah W. Pearce.
Past Corps President.....	Anna E. Yelton.
Past Corps President.....	Adda Ulen.
Corps President.....	Lida E. Fitch.
Delegate .....	Sarah Gardner.
Delegate .....	Hattie Houston.
Alternate.....	*Mrs. Barron.
Alternate.....	Mrs. Beltz.

## E. D. BAKER CORPS No. 22—Idaho Springs.

Past Corps President.....	Emma Plummer.
Past Corps President.....	Ella Stevens.
Corps President.....	*Lucy Langdell.
Delegate .....	Belle Ward.
Alternate.....	Annie Blair.

## W. S. HANCOCK CORPS No. 23—Glenwood Springs.

Past Corps President.....	Maggie Hoover.
Corps President.....	Maggie Hoover.
Delegate .....	Maggie Hoover.
Alternate.....	Annie Watson.

## W. T. SHERMAN CORPS No. 24—Evans.

Past Corps President.....	Lydia C. Young.
Corps President.....	Nellie Flint.
Delegate .....	Tirsey Kunsey.
Alternate.....	Emma Westover.

## THORNBERG CORPS No. 25—Georgetown.

Past Corps President.....	*Mary Collins.
Corps President.....	*Carrie E. Phillips.
Delegate .....	Carolina Hart.
Alternate.....	*Bella Shigley.

## GEORGE A. THOMAS CORPS No. 26—Fort Collins.

Past Corps President.....	Agnes C. Hall.
Corps President.....	Agnes C. Hall.
Delegate .....	Agnes C. Hall.
Delegate .....	*Elnora Baker.
Alternate.....	*Olivia L. Mandeville.
Alternate.....	Lydia A. Thoman.

## NATHANIEL LYON CORPS No. 27—Boulder.

Past Corps President.....	M. Berwick Anderson.
Corps President.....	*Laura S. Dodge.
Delegate .....	Kate O'Brien.
Delegate .....	*Lucy S. Norton.
Alternate.....	*Clara Whitney.
Alternate.....	*Josephine Moorehead.

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## JOHN SCHULER CORPS No. 28—Sheridan, Wyo.

Past Corps President..... Frances P. Boulware.  
Corps President..... Frances P. Boulware.

## BATTLE MOUNTAIN CORPS No. 29—Red Cliff.

Past Corps President.....\*Rosella A. Goodrich.  
Corps President..... Rosella A. Goodrich.  
Delegate .....\*Emily F. Squire.  
Alternate..... Ada Phillips.

## SPANISH PEAKS CORPS No. 30—Powell.

Past Corps President..... Carrie Hartsock.  
Corps President..... Carrie Hartsock.

## KIT CARSON CORPS No. 31—Lamar.

Past Corps President.....\*Carrie S. Cooper.  
Corps President.....\*Ellen Billow.  
Delegate .....\*Edna K. Gould.  
Alternate.....\*Jenny Goodale.

## McPHERSON CORPS No. 32—Longmont.

Past Corps President.....\*Mary L. Carr.  
Corps President..... Mary L. Carr.  
Delegate .....\*Orphia E. Bacon.  
Alternate..... Martha E. Butler.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR CORPS No. 33.  
Sundance, Wyo.

Past Corps President..... Harriet Settle.  
Corps President..... Harriet Settle.

## KILPATRICK CORPS No. 34—La Junta.

Past Corps President..... H. E. Davis.  
Corps President..... Nellie E. Brooker.  
Delegate ..... Augusta M. Glass.  
Alternate..... Belle Bradley.

## GEORGE CROOK CORPS No. 35—Tie Siding, Wyo.

Past Corps President ..... Phebe Gearhart.  
Corps President..... Eliza A. Woodward.  
Delegate .....\*Nellie Davis.  
Alternate..... Lorena Cates.

## AKRON CORPS No. 36.—Akron.

Past Corps President.....\*Nellie L. Bailey.  
Corps President..... Nellie L. Bailey.  
Delegate ..... Augusta Moore.  
Alternate..... Martha M. Aikens



E. M. STANTON CORPS No. 37—Salida.

Past Corps President.....\*Lizzie C. Smith.  
Corps President.....Lizzie C. Smith.  
Delegate.....\*Anna A. Seivert.  
Alternate.....Mollie E. Smith.

COLORADO CITY CORPS No. 38.—Colorado City.

Past Corps President.....\*Fredericka Langmeyer.  
Corps President.....Fredericka Langmeyer.  
Delegate.....\*Mrs. Clark.  
Alternate.....\*Mrs. Corporen.

PIKE'S PEAK CORPS No. 39.—Manitou Springs.

Past Corps President.....\*Christena Thornton.  
Corps President.....Christena Thornton.  
Delegate.....\*C. W. Barker.  
Alternate.....\*Ella Sinnington.

M. M. CROCKER CORPS No. 40—Denver.

Corps President.....Dorcas A. Hassen.

PHIL. SHERIDAN CORPS No. 41—Buena Vista.

Corps President.....\*Martha L. Daniels.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CORPS No. 42—Denver.

Corps President.....\*Adelia Macauley.

Roll of Convention was called by the Secretary and sixty-four officers and delegates responded present.

The President appointed the following named ladies on Committee of Resolutions—Climenta G. Howard, Mary J. Telford, Kate C. Kennedy.

Committee on Fraternal Greetings—Elizabeth J. Peabody, C. W. Barker, Mary E. Ingersoll.

The reports of Department Officers was next in order; the Department President then read the following address:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

MANITOU, COLO., April. 28th, 1891.

*To the Members of the Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Colorado and Wyoming—W. R. C.*

Here at the foot of Pike's Peak, near the Garden of the Gods, and surrounded on all sides by the wonderful creations of Him who doeth all things well, we have assem-

bled for the purpose of reviewing the past, discussing the present, and arranging our work for the year to come.

When at our last Convention, you elected me Department President, I entered upon the duties of the office with the one great desire of advancing our good work until the needed charity had reached every one in this Department who has rightful claims upon our kind offices. As I went forth visiting and organizing corps, North, South, East and West, forming new and pleasant acquaintances at every point, my interest in the work increased, and my admiration for the many noble, talented and zealous women who are enrolled under our banner, grew as our acquaintance ripened, and my only regret is that every Post in the Department has not an Auxiliary Corps to aid in giving that assistance to our needy comrades that the hour demands.

#### INCREASE AND CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

While my brightest anticipations have not been fully realized in organizing as many new Corps as I had hoped for, yet it is with a degree of satisfaction that I am able to report to this Convention that twelve new Corps, comprising 217 earnest, zealous workers, have been added to our rolls during the present administration. Nearly every Corps in the Department has been visited by one or more Department officers, and with few exceptions are in splendid working order, and all are in harmony with the Post. The Department embracing, as it does, two states constituting a vast territory, and the Corps being scattered all over it makes the work of visiting them expensive and requires much time. As an illustration of the work and latitude I will mention a case of twins—the organization of Kilpatrick Corps at La Junta, Colo., and Chester A. Arthur Corps at Sundance, Wyo., nearly 1,500 miles apart and both instituted the same day, June 21st, and I might add, both are doing well.

#### OFFICIAL WORK.

The greater part of my time, since entering upon the duties of the office, has been devoted to the work. I have organized twelve new Corps, have instituted and installed eight of the number, have also installed the officers of the three Denver Corps, have visited thirteen Corps, have traveled 7,461 miles at an expense of less than \$45, have



attended fourteen Camp Fires of Post and Corps, have written 388 letters, and attended thirty-seven meetings of my own Corps, also attended the National Convention at Boston.

In the month of June, assisted by Mrs. Fanny Hardin, I instituted McPherson Corps at Longmont and installed its officers. This Corps is composed mostly of ladies who for a time held regular meetings independent of the Order, but finally concluded to adopt the National work. The Corps is composed of most excellent ladies who made my stay among them very pleasant. Their work gives ample evidence that success will attend them.

In July I was called to Akron to organize Akron Corps. Here I found the ladies ready and willing to take hold of the work, and I am glad to say that under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Bailey, the Corps is prospering. The reports from Akron Corps are always in on time.

Immediately after returning from Boston I visited Colorado Springs and instituted Colorado Springs Corps and installed its officers. This Corps was organized with a membership of twenty-two, and judging from the high standing of the ladies composing the Corps and the amount of talent they possess, I predict that Colorado Springs Corps will be heard from in the future. The Post to which they are auxiliary gave a Camp Fire in the evening to welcome them, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. To Comrades Dwinell, Nevins and Commander Corman much credit is due for their valued assistance in the organization of the Corps.

In October I organized Colorado City Corps with a membership of twenty-two—all earnest capable women who have the interest of the old soldier at heart, and are strongly endorsed by their Post. Here also a Camp Fire was given by the Post and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

After quite an extended effort in the way of correspondence, I was finally requested to visit this city (Manitou) and organize the Corps, which I did on the 9th of November. Here I received the kindest attention and instituted Pike's Peak Corps with sixteen charter members, Here the Camp Fire was held on the evening before the institu-



tion of the Corps. The Camp Fire was much enjoyed and will long be remembered by all present.

On the 10th of January, assisted by the Department Chaplain, America Whist, Department Secretary, Sarah E. Calvert, the Chairman of the Executive Board, Mary J. Handyside, and members of Meade and Veteran Corps, I instituted Crocker Corps in North Denver, with a membership of eighteen. The officers of this Corps I installed on the 10th of January.

Accompanied by the Department Secretary, I visited Buena Vista, Colo., on the 15th of January, and instituted Phil. Sheridan Corps with nineteen members. The installation was held in the evening, was public, and conducted by the Department Secretary, Sarah E. Calvert. The hall was filled, many comrades being present, who at the conclusion of the installation services, served refreshments, after which interesting speeches and stirring patriotic songs were indulged in to the edification of all present.

On April 21st, assisted by the Department Secretary and Treasurer, and ladies of Farragut and Meade Corps, I instituted Geo. Washington Corps, No. 42, in South Denver, with sixteen charter members. This Corps starts off nicely with Addie Macauley as president, and a good staff of officers.

#### FINANCES.

The best evidence of the success and stability of any organization is when its finances are in a healthy condition, and I am pleased to state that in this respect our Corps make a report that is wonderful, as they all report money on hand, while one Corps has over \$400 in its treasury. The consolidated statement shows that in the Department we have in the hands of Corps' Treasurers the sum of \$2,142.94, while our Department Treasurer has \$600.25, making a total of \$2,742.19, besides property belonging to the Corps valued at \$4,878 20. The amount expended for relief during the year was \$3,041.30.

While we have increased our membership and have more earnest workers in our ranks now than ever before, the calls for help have also increased and will continue to increase as the veterans by age and infirmities become less able to earn a support for themselves and families.

While the necessary machinery of an organization like ours cannot be kept running without constant expense, I have tried to economize in every way where economy was prudent. By establishing headquarters at my own home I have been enabled to give more time to the work, and have saved to the Department the expense of office rent, light, fuel, etc. My traveling expenses, when we consider the great number of miles covered, have been very light, as the larger portion of the cost of transportation has not been at the expense of the Department.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME.

We have maintained from four to six comrades, all the time, at the temporary home in Golden during the year, at an expense of \$1,261.10, \$600.00 of which has been paid by the Grand Army of this Department, and \$661.10 by voluntary contributions of the Corps, and I am glad to say that the majority of the Corps responded liberally and promptly. An extended account of the Home management will appear in the report of the Chairman of Home Board, Mrs. Klock.

#### THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

One of the brightest and most gratifying features of my work has been the welcome and encouragement that I received from the comrades of the Grand Army at every place visited during the year. They have in every instance rendered valuable and efficient service in advancing the interests of our work, and have given ample evidence of their appreciation of our Order.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

The honor due the Sons of Veterans is their rightful heritage. The relations between the Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps are very friendly. The Sons are ever ready and willing to render us aid when called on, and I think that it is our duty to encourage them in keeping up their organization, as it will soon fall to their lot to keep forever blazing the fire of patriotism kindled on the country's altar by their sires in days gone by. To the Colonel commanding the Colorado Division of Sons of Veterans, I am indebted for most of the railroad passes that I have received during the year.



## MEMORIAL DAY.

With passing time, the varied interests which cluster around Memorial Day increase, and the bond that unites us to the Grand Army enlarges with each recurring year, so that now it has become almost a universal custom to divide the honors in all memorial exercises with members of our order. We join them in song, in praise and in speech. We prepare for them the choicest spring time flowers, and with tender, loving hands place them above the graves where lie the noble heroes. As in the days of war, of strife and conflict, we shared all; let us continue to keep step with the men who saved the nation, and, as opportunity offers, try to inculcate in the minds and hearts of the rising generation due reverence for the day we venerate and a loyal devotion to the flag which makes all free.

## THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Eighth National Convention, held in Boston, was attended by quite a delegation from this Department. The elected delegates were prompt in their attendance upon all meetings and did honor to the Department they represented. The Convention was one of unprecedented interest, was largely attended and was composed of women, some of whom are noted for valued services rendered in camp, in hospital and on the battle field; some for eminent learning and noble charity, and all for their loyalty. The meeting with so many from all parts of the land, the interchange of ideas and fraternal courtesies, all tended to make the Convention one of great interest, and will never be forgotten by those who had the privilege of membership.

I was honored by being elected a member of the National Council, and, while I appreciate the honor, I am aware of the fact it came through no merit that I possess, but as a compliment to the Department which I had the honor to represent.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

When entering upon the duties of this office twelve months ago, if I could have drawn aside the curtain and looked down through the vista of weeks and months, and at one glance seen all the work that was to be done in the Department during my official year, I should have felt like



giving up in despair; but as the work unfolded, kind, faithful and capable friends appeared upon the scene, volunteering their services, and by their valued assistance my burdens were lightened and the good work prospered. To these dear friends I desire to return my heart-felt thanks. To Colonel Russell, of La Junta, for services rendered in the organization of Kilpatrick Corps. To Colonel Martin, of Sundance, Wyo., for instituting Chester A. Arthur Corps. To Colonel Eggleston, of Salida, for instituting E. M. Stanton Corps. To the comrades at Colorado Springs, Colorado City, Manitou and Buena Vista for the interest taken and assistance given in the organization of the Corps at the places named. May the great prosperity of the Corps they helped to organize prove their reward.

While I feel indebted to all comrades and members of our order who, by fraternal courtesies, have made my visits among them so pleasant, the list is too long for personal mention in this address. The Department S. V. President, M. Berwick Anderson, and all Department officers who, by good council and faithful service, have aided in accomplishing whatever success is due this administration, my thanks are hereby tendered.

The last Department Convention acted wisely in selecting Ida DeLange as the custodian of our finances. I believe that she has no superior as regards ability to perform the duties of the office of Treasurer. She is prompt, accurate and strictly honest. Her books are neatly kept, and always open for inspection. It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge my obligations to her for the able manner in which she has conducted her department of the work.

The Department Secretary, Sarah E. Calvert, is also an officer of ability—one with whom it is a pleasure to transact business. She is an earnest worker and capable secretary. She is also an able writer, and her letters in the *Rocky Mountain Herald* have been of great benefit to the order in diffusing a general knowledge of what was being done by the different Corps throughout the Department, and by keeping the organization prominently before the public.

Perhaps no officer in the Department has such laborious duties as the Department Inspector, and I feel that I am

warranted in saying that the present Inspector, Ida L. Phillips, has inspected more Corps and traveled over more territory in attending to the duties of her office than any of her predecessors, and that her work has been well and faithfully done, I cheerfully attest.

Mary E. Ingersoll, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, has conducted the work of her department with marked ability. To her I am under obligations for services rendered in organizing the patriotic George Cook Corps, at Tie Siding, Wyo., on the 4th day of July—Independence Day—and in a state where the term means all that the words imply, and grants unto women the right of the elective franchise.

I desire especially to thank Mr. J. C. Swartz, Assistant Passenger Agent of the C., B. & Q. R. R., for courtesies extended.

I would have taken great pleasure in visiting all Corps in the Department and forming an acquaintance with every member of our Order, had circumstances made it possible for me to do so, but the pleasant hours spent with the Corps that I did have the privilege of meeting with, will ever be regarded as the brightest leaves in memory's tablet. The joint Camp Fires of Post and Corps Kilpatrick, of La Junta; Kit Carson, of Lamar; Reynolds, of Cheyenne; Akron, of Akron; Lyons, of Boulder; Colorado Springs, of Colorado Springs; Colorado City, of Colorado City; Pike's Peak, of Manitou; Phil. Sheridan, of Buena Vista; and the surprise reception at Leadville, by the good ladies of the Garfield Corps, were all feasts of reason and flow of the soul; just such pleasant meetings and greetings as Grand Army people only can arrange, enjoy and appreciate.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

In order to gain a larger knowledge of parliamentary usage and a more uniform ruling by presiding officers, I recommend that each Corps procure for the use of its President the "Key to Smith's Diagram of Parliamentary Usage."

As the present per capita tax is more than is necessary to cover the current expenses of the Department, I recommend that the per capita tax be reduced to 15 cents per member.

In order that there may be uniformity in the badges to be worn by delegates and visitors to the coming National Convention, I would recommend that a souvenir badge be adopted, and that the incoming President appoint a committee to select a suitable design for the badge, and that badges be furnished free of cost to all regular delegates, and sold to visiting members at a price to be named by the Department Council.

#### CONCLUSION.

Now, kind Sisters, the closing hours of my administration are drawing nigh. I will soon gladly turn over to whomsoever you may select this emblem of authority, and I pledge myself, and ask every member of this Convention to give her your support, your cheerful and hearty co-operation, that our noble cause may prosper. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. There are over forty Posts in this Department without Relief Corps, and many, very many, worthy Veterans and their families who need assistance.

May our Convention be one long to be remembered because of the harmony and wisdom that may characterize our deliberations, and, as we go out to our homes, may we carry with us fond recollections that will be cherished in after years, and may you all ever be guided by our grand motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

AMERICA ANDERSON,

*Department President.*

Committee on President's address—Mary Condit, Ella L. C. Dwinell, Laura S. Dodge, Annie E. Steele, Nellie L. Bailey.

#### REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

*Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary:*

MADAM—It affords me much pleasure to renew the pleasant acquaintance formed at past conventions, and to say something of the noble work our loyal women have achieved in the year that is about to close.

The honor conferred on me one year ago by this Convention as Department Senior Vice President will always be looked upon as one of the most honored year's of my life.



The duty of my office was to assist the President, and aid her in whatever is consistent to her wishes.

Our President has so carefully performed the duties of her office, and so wisely directed the full management of it, that any assistance on my part would have been unnecessary.

As a member of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, I had the pleasure of attending the National Convention in that beautiful and grand old city, Boston, Mass. Never in all my life can I forget the pleasure experienced on that journey; we were one band of patriotic loyal women, going forth to bind the cords more firmly by devoting our whole hearts to the service of our worn-out comrades, their widows and orphans.

The beginning of our journey was very trying, many of our ladies were prostrated by the excessive heat, but after reaching Niagara Falls all felt the refreshing balmy atmosphere of that beautiful climate. After spending several hours in this wonderful work of nature, we took the steamer down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, passing through the Thousand Islands, all hearts seem to respond to that beautiful passage of scripture: "How wonderful are thy works, oh God."

This being Sunday we were fortunate to have a minister on board who offered service. Among us were some devoted Christians who joined in the worship we felt, although isolated from land we could here commune with our Savior which to most of us was very refreshing. Arriving at Montreal in the evening we could not see much of that ancient city. As our time was limited we contented ourselves by continuing our journey, traveling through a most beautiful agricultural country. Here and there were seen some old buildings that reminded us of our pilgrim fathers. On arriving at our destination, our gratitude was intense, when we found we were all provided for at the same hotel. After refreshing ourselves we visited several headquarters, found kindly greetings wherever we called. Our admiration for the decorations cannot be described. It was really a sight never to be forgot, every building was covered or lighted with our National colors. Mottos of welcome met our gaze at every corner.

What loyalty and patriotism these people were showing us; was there ever so grand an ovation as the people of Boston gave these dear old battered, scared Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps?

As we viewed that long procession from the grand stand next morning, our hearts were filled with sympathy and gratitude to those thousands upon thousands of loyal brave men who were in line, many without limbs, more with the empty sleeve, and still more whose weary steps foretold their march would soon be over, and the roll call will soon sound when they will be mustered into that Grand Army where the weary shall find rest.

The Convention was to me very instructive. Here we met the most cultured and refined of our country making laws—the noblest and grandest work woman has ever been engaged in.

In bidding farewell to Boston and the many kind friends there, we returned to our homes resolved to work with more earnestness than ever for those dear ones who had done so much for us.

I wonder if it has occurred to members generally the immense membership our Order has attained. Up to June 30, 1890, the membership was 102,522, with 2,452 Corps. The amount expended for relief, in cash, since its organization in 1883, foots up the nice little sum of \$375,287.50. Of this sum Colorado and Wyoming have given a trifle over \$7,000. In the last year, \$105,000 have been expended for relief and a National Home for army nurses, soldiers' widows and soldiers with their wives. The Woman's Relief Corps has opened a door of escape for these worthy wards of our nation. This Home is furnished without one cent of debt. We honor our *grand old heroes*, who stood in the thickest of the fight, where deadly missiles were flying, and valiantly fought to save this our loved country.

Before closing, allow me to again express my hearty thanks to this Convention for the honor conferred on me one year ago, also to our President, who has made the duties of my office so very easy. Her's has been a year of labor, *but of great success*. It would have given me much pleasure to have aided her and made the task less laborious.

Much praise is due to the work of inspection in our Department. It has been more thorough and systematized this year than ever before. Our Inspector has labored with a will to accomplish the work she so pledged herself to accomplish.

Her visits to our new Corps did much to encourage and promote the work of our Order, leaving behind her a kindly feeling and hearty welcome to return again.

I have traveled 5,400 miles, including my trip to Boston; have always kept myself in readiness to help, if needed, and, although my work seems so little, have comforted myself with the thought that "she also serves, who only stands and waits."

Respectfully submitted, in F., C., L.,

M. BERWICK ANDERSON,  
*Department Senior Vice-President.*

Committee on Senior Vice-President's report—Mary A. McElroy, Marghea Hamilton, Emily O'Brien, Anna A. Seivert, Olivia L. Mandeville.

## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

*Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary:*

MADAM—As a Department officer I feel as if I had done very little work, but at the request of our President for a report, I will state what I have done. I have visited the Soldiers' Home on an average once a week. Have attended seven meetings of the Soldiers' Home Board. I received from Department Treasurer, for traveling expenses, \$4.00. In August, 1890, I attended the National Encampment at Boston, without any expense to the Department. I have attended every meeting for the year of my own Corps, except four. I am much interested in the work and hope the coming year there will be many more Corps organized and many new members added to the Corps in the Department.

Yours Fraternally,

MARY A. ELDRIDGE,  
*Junior Vice-President.*

Committee on Junior Vice-President's Reports—Edna K. Gould, Mrs. Clark, Lovina Carpenter, Mary De Noon, Harriet Todd.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*America Anderson, Department President, Officers and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming:*

In compliance with the rules and regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit the following report of the work in the Secretary's office, the membership and condition of our organization during your administration:

When you entered upon your duties of Department President, April 17, 1890, there were in the Department twenty-five Corps with a membership of 817 in good standing and one Corps suspended.

There were gained during the first quarter by initiation into old Corps 71, by transfer 3, by reinstatement 10, and by three new Corps with a charter membership of 58, making a total of 142.

Losses during this quarter were as follows: By death 2, by honorable discharge 12, by transfer 18, by suspension 46, and by delinquent reports 40, making a total loss of 118, and leaving a net gain for the first quarter of 24 members, making our membership 841,

The new Corps instituted during the quarter were McPherson No. 32, at Longmont, Colo., on June 13, with 26 charter members; Chester A. Arthur Corps No. 33, at Sundance, Wyo., on June 21, with 15 charter members; Kilpatrick Corps No. 34, at La Junta, Colo., on June 21, with 17 charter members. At the close of this quarter three Corps failed to get their reports to Department headquarters in time for the consolidated report of the Secretary, but a supplemental report was subsequently forwarded to National Secretary covering two Corps, the third being without representation. The gain of three new Corps during the first quarter was a matter of great encouragement to the Department officers. James A. Garfield Corps No. 8 was the banner Corps for this quarter in gain of membership, having gained 16 members. Farragut No. 1 was first in the amount expended in charity.

The roll of honor for the first quarter, embracing correct reports from Corps before the 5th of the month, were as follows:

Farragut No. 1.	Winfield Scott No. 19.
Upton No. 2.	Custer No. 20.
J. A. Mower No. 3.	E. D. Baker No. 22.
T. H. Dodd No. 5.	Evans No. 24.
Geo. G. Meade No. 6.	Thornburg No. 25.
E. V. Sumner No. 7.	Geo. H. Thomas No. 26.
J. F. Reynolds No. 9.	Nathaniel Lyon No. 27.
Veteran No. 14.	Battle Mountain No. 29.
U. S. Grant No. 15.	Kit Carson No. 31.
Grand Junction No. 17.	McPherson No. 32.
Greenwood No. 18.	

Making 21 Corps in all for the first quarter.

At the beginning of the second quarter there were 26 Corps with 841 members in good standing. The gain during this quarter were as follows:

Initiation into old Corps 30, by transfer 5, reinstated 26, reinstated by delinquent reports 43, and charter members 69, making a total of 173.

The losses were as follows: By death 3, by honorable discharge 2, by transfer 6, by suspension 53, by delinquent reports 14, total loss 78; net gain 95.

Veteran Corps No. 14 was the first Corps in gain of members during this quarter, gaining 14 members; and Geo. G. Meade in the amount of relief work done.

The new Corps instituted during this quarter were as follows: Geo. Crook Corps No. 35, at Tie Siding, Wyo., on July 4th with 14 members; Akron Corps No. 36 at Akron, Colo., on July 17th with 21 members; Edwin M. Stanton Corps No. 37, at Salida, on August 27th with 12 members, and Colorado Springs Corps No. 4, at Colorado Springs, on September 2d with 22 members, thus adding four more Corps to our Department.

The Corps placed on the roll of honor for this quarter included twenty Corps and were as follows:

Farragut No. 1.	E. D. Baker No. 22.
J. A. Mower No. 3.	W. S. Hancock No. 23.
T. H. Dodd No. 5.	Evans No. 24.
Geo. G. Meade No. 6.	Thornburg No. 25.
James A. Garfield No. 8.	Geo. H. Thomas No. 26.
Veteran No. 14.	John Schuler No. 28.
U. S. Grant No. 15.	Battle Mountain No. 29.

Grand Junction No. 17. Kit Carson No. 31.  
 Greenwood No. 18. Geo. Crook No. 35.  
 Custer No. 20. Akron No. 36.

Spanish Peaks No. 28 was suspended during this quarter for delinquent reports.

At the beginning of the third quarter there were 31 Corps with a membership of 936. There were gained during this quarter by initiation into old Corps 72, by charter members 44, by transfer 10, by reinstatement 41, total gain 167.

The losses were: By death one, by honorable discharge 11, by transfer 22, by delinquent reports 24, total loss 86, leaving a net gain of 81.

The new Corps instituted in this quarter were Colorado City No. 38, at Colorado City, with 25 charter members, on October 22d; Pike's Peak Corps No. 29, at Manitou Springs, on November 8th, with 19 charter members.

The Corps whose names appear on the Roll of Honor for this quarter include twenty-one Corps as follows:

Farragut No. 1.	W. S. Hancock No. 23.
J. A. Mower No. 3.	Evans No. 24.
Colorado Springs No. 4.	Thornburg No. 25.
Geo. G. Meade No. 6.	Geo. H. Thomas No. 26.
E. V. Sumner No. 7.	Battle Mountain No. 29.
James A. Garfield No. 8.	Kit Carson No. 31.
Veteran No. 14.	McPherson No. 32.
U. S. Grant No. 15.	Geo. Crook No. 35.
Greenwood No. 18.	Akron No. 36.
Custer No. 20.	E. M. Stanton No. 37.
E. R. Canby No. 21.	

John Schuler No. 28 and Spanish Peaks No. 30 were delinquent this quarter. Veteran No. 14 had the greatest gain in membership, being eleven, and Geo. G. Meade expended the most in relief, \$122.60.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter there were 33 Corps and 1017 members in good standing. The gains were initiated into old Corps 83, charter members 40, by transfer 10, by reinstatement 15, by reinstatement delinquent reports 10; total gain 158.

Losses were 5 by death, 6 by honorable discharge, 9 by transfer, 45 by suspension and 14 by delinquent reports; total loss 79; leaving a net gain of 79.



The Corps instituted in this quarter were M. M. Crocker No. 40 of Denver, instituted on January 7th with 21 charter members; Phil. Sheridan Corps No. 41 was instituted at Buena Vista on January 15th with 19 charter members; also George Washington No. 42, at Denver, instituted on April 21st with 16 charter members.

The twenty-two Corps whose names appear upon the Roll of Honor for the quarter are as follows:

Farragut No. 1.	W. S. Hancock No. 23.
Upton No. 2.	Thornburg No. 25.
Mower No. 3.	Geo. H. Thomas No. 26.
Colorado Springs No. 4.	Nathaniel Lyon No. 27.
Dodd No. 5.	Battle Mountain No. 29.
Meade No. 6.	Kit Carson No. 31.
Sumner No. 7.	McPherson No. 32.
Garfield No. 8.	Geo. Crook No. 34.
Veteran No. 14.	Pike's Peak No. 39.
U. S. Grant No. 15.	Phil. Sheridan No. 41.
E. D. Baker No. 22.	

Veteran No. 14 again gained the most in membership, 16, and Geo. H. Thomas No. 26 did the most relief work, \$245.50. John Schuler No. 28 was reinstated in this quarter, and Spanish Peaks No. 30 remained suspended, and E. R. Canby No. 21 was delinquent.

The names of the Corps which appear upon the Roll of Honor for the year are as follows:

Farragut No. 1.	U. S. Grant No. 15.
J. A. Mower No. 3.	Thornburg No. 25.
Geo. G. Meade No. 6.	Geo. H. Thomas No. 26.
Veteran No. 14.	Battle Mountain No. 29.

I wish to congratulate the new Corps upon the promptness with which they have sent in their reports and the correctness as well. Many of them appear upon the Roll of Honor from the time they were organized.

Evans Corps No. 14 petitioned to change its name to W. T. Sherman, so from this time on they will be known by the name of their adoption and I feel sure they will be a credit to the name.

Several Corps appear upon the Roll of Honor for three quarters and then a mistake in their reports appears and they are left out upon the list for the year.

I would like to impress on this Convention the importance of Corps Presidents being certain that the quarterly reports are correct before forwarding to Department Headquarters. The officers of the Corps have very faint ideas of the trouble they give Department officers by not complying with the requirements of rules and regulations and the carelessness to general orders and circular letters sent out by the Department President. Very much needless correspondence would thus be saved, to say nothing of the waste of time and worry for fear the reports will not be received in time to go to the National Secretary.

There were sent out from the Department Headquarters during this year eight circular letters, six general orders and one thousand letters, so if any of the officers of the Corps feel inclined to criticise the seeming neglect of responding to their communications they will please remember that it is very much easier to criticise others than to do any better themselves. The Department officers, so far as I have been able to judge, have tried to do their best, and I am positive they have succeeded reasonably well. The Secretary has not done as much traveling in the interests of the Order as some others, but helped to do some work on a trip of 554 miles, at a cost of two dollars to the Department.

The cash relief for the year amounted to \$1,721.41, cash paid over to Posts \$362.65, and relief other than money \$1,296.15. The number of soldiers and their families assisted 323. Total \$3,380.21.

I would respectfully recommend that the per capita tax be lowered to fifteen cents. That to include the Secretary's and Treasurer's salary. No department in the United States has so great a per capita tax per member as this. And your administration, Mrs. President, proves to all fair minded people that the Department can be successfully conducted with less money than must accrue from so great a tax were it still held at twenty cents.

The past year's work has been eminently successful in adding Corps to the work, and I predict a continuous increase of interest in the work of adding new members and reclaiming lost ones. If our Order means anything that it professes, it needs all the funds it can raise to alleviate the suffering that comes within its perview, and each Corps

will have more money for relief work and the Department will still prosper under a lower per capita tax.

And now, Mrs. President, as I submit this report for your approval, I wish to thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and for the universal kindness shown me by all the Department officers and the officers and members of the Corps throughout the Department. If I have failed to please all, it was an error of the head and not of the heart, and all I ask is for the charity that is just. Wishing this Department the success it so richly deserves, I respectfully submit this report in F., C. and L.

SARAH E. CALVERT,  
*Department Secretary.*

At the conclusion of the Secretary's report, the Guard announced the arrival of Mayor Leddy. He gave the Convention the freedom of the town, and said the citizens of Manitou had decorated the town in honor of this Convention and of the G. A. R., and had looked forward to this gathering with much pride, feeling sure that all would try to make the stay of the veterans, their mothers, sisters, wives and daughters a pleasant and profitable one; and thanked the President for the courtesy of allowing him to welcome the ladies on behalf of the city.

The address of welcome was responded to by Sarah E. Calvert as follows:

*Mrs. President, Members of the Seventh Convention, and Mayor Leddy of Manitou Springs:*

I am sure I voice the sentiment of this Convention when I say, we are pleased to receive such generous hospitality. We are proud to be the guests of the citizens of Manitou as the mothers, sisters, wives and sweet-hearts may be of the men who carried that flag, a flag which means liberty and a united nation. It may not be out of order to analyze this name, Manitou Springs. Man, a being, capable, justice, mercy, love, devotion, patriotism, tyranny, revenge, hatred and cruelty, but with all his faults we love him still.

I, the ego, the great love of self in all people. I is mighty, but thou are mightier, the blending of two hearts and two lives, and two ideas makes grand opportunities,



developes lofty ambitions, accomplishes glorious results, and we have Manitou.

Springs, the attraction of this beautiful spot on the trail to Pike's Peak, whose flowing waters revive and restore broken bodies to health and strength. Rings, so many rings, gold, silver, valuable and worthless rings, all kinds of rings, even political rings, of course Manitou knows nothing of corrupt rings as I am sure the W. R. C. does not. We are auxiliary to an organization of men who saved a nation and we feel that our work is not in vain, though some times the opposite sex would like to make us feel our dependence.

After the Mayor retired the President gave three taps of the gavel and the Secretary read the following Memorial:

### IN MEMORIAM.

#### FARRAGUT RELIEF CORPS NO. 1.

Mrs. Cynthia Coe died February 15th, 1891. A very worthy and esteemed member of Farragut Corps No. 1. For nearly two years she was a great sufferer from that terrible disease cancer, which had fastened its relentless fangs upon her, and although she struggled and suffered through various methods of treatment, there seemed to be no help for her. Her courage and determination to overcome this enemy which was preying upon her vitals, was not only remarkable but commendable. But when at last she realized there was no hope, she calmly and cheerfully made preparations for that great change which awaits us all, even speaking to the minister to officiate at her obsequies, and urging her husband and children to prepare for the future as well as the present life.

"With calm and patient trust I wait  
The slow and sure approach of fate.  
What may betide me where I go,  
I know not, and I need not know.  
I know my Maker kind and just,  
This is enough, I calmly trust.

"Then pass, ye earthly things, away;  
Sink, toil-worn frame, to swift decay;  
The parting clouds unveil the light,

And clearer vision glads my sight.  
 Long waiting soul be of good cheer,  
 The end draws nigh, thy hope is near."

GEO. G. MEADE RELIEF CORPS NO. 6.

The Angel of Death has flitted its shadows over our Corps and taken from us two sisters.

Mrs. Nannie E. Davis departed this life June 13, 1890. Again on August 28, 1890, the messenger came at the dawn of the morning and called Mrs. Emma H. Mealman to her last rest.

"Their work is completed and finished below,  
 Their last tears have fallen, we trust;  
 They have done their last work and met their last foe,  
 They have conquered and now are at rest."

CUSTER CORPS NO. 20

has to mourn the loss of one of its members, Mrs. Sophia Frick, a lady, who had only been a member less than a month.

NATHANIEL LYON CORPS NO. 27

has been so fortunate as to have only one name on its death roll for the past year, that of Mrs. Maria Sutherland, who died October 12, 1890. She was one of the charter members and its first Junior Vice-President, a devoted friend and faithful worker in our Order. Her death was deeply deplored and resolutions of respect to her memory were adopted by the Corps and enrolled in its journal. Her funeral services were conducted by the Corps in connection with the ritual of the Episcopal Church, of which she was a member. Her pall bearers were six members of the Post to which this Corps is auxiliary.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN CORPS NO. 29

has to mourn the loss of one of its most esteemed members, Mrs. Martha Rugg, one of its charter members. She was elected the first Conductor and filled the office when she died. She was beloved by all who knew her and every one came to pay loving tribute to her memory. The Corps attended the funeral service in a body, walking to the grave.

Died—Friday, March 27, 1891, Sarah N. Davis of Colorado City Relief Corps No. 38. She was thirty-eight years of age and was born in Dade County, Missouri.

“Brighter, fairer far than living,  
With no trace of woe or pain,  
Robed in everlasting beauty,  
Shall we see them all again,  
By the light that never fadeth,  
Underneath eternal skies,  
When the dawn of resurrection,  
Breaks o'er deathless Paradise.”

This was followed by a solo, “The Vacant Chair,” by Mrs. Barney, the Convention joining in the chorus. Mrs. Farrar presided at the organ.

The Committee on Secretary's Report—Frances E. Hale, Martha L. Daniels, Emma Smidle, Jennie Melburn, Orphia E. Bacon.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

DENVER, COLO., April 27, 1891.

*Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary, W. R. C.*

MADAM—In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement for the year ending April 27, 1891.

*Ida L. De Lange, Department Treasurer, in Account with the Woman's Relief Corps.*

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April 19, 1890, cash on hand.....	\$175 60
Received for per capita tax, first quarter	\$187 20
“ “ “ “ second “	191 80
“ “ “ “ third “	203 40
“ “ “ “ fourth “	221 20
	803 60
Rec'd from sale of supplies, first quarter.	125 00
“ “ “ second “	66 38
“ “ “ third “	134 65
“ “ “ fourth “	182 82
	508 85
Amount carried forward .....	\$1,488 05



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Amount brought forward .....	\$1,488 05
Rec'd for Soldier's Home, first quarter..	99 40
"      "      "      second  "	94 00
"      "      "      third   "	251 40
"      "      "      fourth  "	192 00
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Rec'd for Sec. & Treas. salaries, first qr.	22 71
"      "      "      "      sec'd  "	16 92
"      "      "      "      third  "	18 00
"      "      "      "      fourth  "	18 42
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For National W. R. C. Home from Meade Corps.....	10 00
For badges sold to visitors from Colo- rado to Nat. Convention at Boston.	5 70
Amount credited to Corps.....	7 64
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Total receipts.....	\$2,224 24

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To Nat. Treas'r per capita tax, first qr.	12 61
"      "      "      "      sec'd  "	14 21
"      "      "      "      third  "	15 25
"      "      "      "      fourth  "	16 59
	<hr/> 58 66
Expended for supplies, first quarter....	141 00
"      "      "      second  "      ...	51 65
"      "      "      third   "      ...	117 95
"      "      "      fourth  "      ...	78 76
	<hr/> 389 36
Department Relief Committee.....	23 00
For Soldier's Home, first quarter.....	73 98
"      "      "      second  "      .....	131 41
"      "      "      third   "      .....	159 06
"      "      "      fourth  "      .....	296 65
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,132 12

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Amount brought forward.....	\$1,132 12
Department Inspector.....	127 50
Department President's expenses to Bos- ton to attend National Convention..	31 10
Department President's expenses to visit and institute Corps.....	11 50
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	42 60
Department Secretary expenses to insti- tute Corps.....	2 00
Department Secretary and Treasurer salaries.....	100 00
Department Secretary and Treasurer car fare.....	15 65
Postage for Department Headquarters..	42 50
Postage on rituals sent to Corps.....	2 10
Postage on Journals of National Conven- tion sent to Corps.....	2 30
Postage on supplies to Corps .....	17 72
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	64 62
Engrossing twelve charters.....	11 00
Printing Roster.....	10 00
Stationery, printing stationery and gen- eral orders.....	47 90
Expressage and express charges on sup- plies.....	24 50
Custer Corps No. 20, for badges ordered last year and not received.....	1 00
E. D. Baker for one badge returned....	40
To National W. R. C. Home.....	10 00
Books for Secretary and Treasurer....	3 50
Banner and badges for National Con- vention.....	15 20
Expenses of Secretary and Treasurer to Convention.....	16 00
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Total expenditures.....	\$1,623 99
Balance General Fund to new account..	547 21
" Relief Fund " " ..	3 16
" Home Fund " " ..	49 88
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Total cash in all Funds, April 28, 1891....\$600 25

## SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOLDIER'S HOME.

No. 1, Farragut.....	\$54 00
" 2, Upton.....	12 00
" 3, Mower.....	48 00
" 5, Dodd.....	3 00
" 6, Meade.....	65 00
" 8, J. A. Garfield.....	50 00
" 9, J. F. Reynolds.....	5 00
" 14, Veteran.....	48 00
" 15, U. S. Grant.....	60 00
" 17, Grand Junction.....	12 00
" 19, Winfield Scott.....	40 00
" 20, Custer.....	15 00
" 21, E. R. Canby.....	5 00
" 22, E. D. Baker.....	25 00
" 24, Evans.....	15 00
" 25, Thornburg.....	12 40
" 26, Geo. H. Thomas.....	10 00
" 27, Nathaniel Lyons.....	42 00
" 29, Battle Mountain.....	15 00
" 31, Kit Carson.....	5 00
" 38, Colorado City.....	5 00
Ellsworth Post (Central City).....	20 00
Comrade Scriggins.....	50 00
Comrade Shrove.....	10 00
Comrade Galler.....	10 00
Mrs. Klock (Chairman).....	40

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## SUPPLIES ON HAND.

82 membership badges, all grades, 28 recognition badges, bronze, 1 Corps charter, ¼ yard membership ribbon, 6 yards officers ribbon, 8 emblems, 12 rituals, 10 service books, 7 burial and memorial service books, 38 rules and regulations, 150 applications for membership, 65 memorial day blanks, 85 Corps relief reports, 35 invoice corps supplies, 150 arrearage blanks, 48 corps treasurer's bonds, 7 corps requisition books, 2 sheet music, Opening Ode, 16 sheet music, Initiation March, 48 ode cards, 17 ritual cards, 15 discharge cards, 15 transfer cards, 5 visiting cards, 2 journals, 3 ledgers, 2 cash books, 4 roll books, 2 order



books, 2 receipt books, 2 general order files, 2 letter files, 2 large electros, 3 small electros, 1 department order book, 1 department treasurer consolidated blank, 5 specification sheets ledger, 5 specification sheets cash book, 25 Corps Secretary's reports, form A; 3 assistant Inspector's reports, form E; 3 department Inspector's reports, form F; 9 assistant I. & I. reports, form G; 6 department I. & I. reports, form H; 7 applications Corps charters. Total value of supplies on hand, \$60.70.

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

Charter .....	\$ 5 00	
Seal .....	7 50	
Banners .....	13 00	
Waste Basket.....	1 00	
Desk.....	10 00	
Chairs .....	8 00	
Hecktopograph.....	3 50	
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		\$48 00

## ASSETS.

Supplies on hand.....		\$ 60 70
Cash on hand, General Fund.....	\$547 21	
“ “ Relief Fund.....	3 16	
“ “ Home Fund.....	49 88	
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Total Cash.....		600 25
Total Assets.....		708 95

As the condition of the finances of an organization is always an index of its success or failure, I think we may congratulate ourselves that in the above statement there is much of satisfaction and gratification.

To my associate officers in the Department—those with whom I have worked—I desire to express my sincere thanks for their kindness and consideration. Although our relations as co-workers will soon be severed, the memories will remain fraught with only pleasant and kind recollections.

We have tried to serve you faithfully, to give you of our best endeavors; and as the one who has “carried the pocket book,” I can conscientiously assure you that we have tried to manage your financial affairs with the closest economy, prudence and discretion.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I would recommend that all Corps Treasurer's forward all orders for supplies on the first and fifteenth of each month, thus facilitating business for the Department Treasurer.

2. That Secretary and Treasurer's salaries be paid from General Fund.

3. That all monies be made payable to Department Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

IDA L. DE LANGE,  
*Department Treasurer.*

Committee on Treasurer's report—Rosella A. Goodrich, Mary L. Carr, Ellen Billow, Mary Jewett Telford, May S. Hotchkiss.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

*Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary, Officers and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention, W. R. C.*

I herewith submit my report as Department Chaplain for the last year, which is based upon the reports received by me from the several Corps Chaplains.

All the Corps in the Department, in activity at the time reports were due, have responded.

The membership of the Corps was 846, and of these 450 took part in the Memorial Day exercises. Twenty-two Corps attended in a body. The number of children reported as having taken part was 696; but it must be borne in mind, that the three (3) Corps of Denver are not included in this, as there nearly all school children, amounting to thousands, were helpful in making the occasion a patriotic success.

The expenses incurred, including money paid for flowers, carriages, refreshments, etc., amounted to \$284.35.

The "Unknown Dead" were remembered by fourteen Corps, who erected memorials to their honor and memory.

The reports of the several Corps Chaplains are very interesting and their almost unanimous tenor is that the memorial services held last 30th of May were more generally observed throughout the Department, and more impressive than in any previous year. This seems to have

been especially the case with the rising generation and as the instilling of patriotism is one of the principal objects of Memorial Day services, we should feel highly encouraged.

In condensed form I let the Corps Chaplains speak for themselves.

Farragut No. 1, Geo. G. Meade No. 2, and Veteran No. 14 of Denver, acted jointly in the preparation for the exercises, and participated with the Posts of Denver in the memorial services. It was estimated that about 5,000 school children under the direction of their teachers, distributed flowers to the old soldiers as they passed in procession.

The graves were beautifully decorated by the Daughters of Veterans, belonging to Farragut Aid and Lincoln Aid. The school children of the city furnished the flowers.

The "Unknown Dead" were remembered as usual by a beautiful and elaborate floral piece. The salute to the dead at the cemetery was fired by the Sons of Veterans.

Upton No. 2, Pueblo, attended in a body with their Post and the Department Commander and his staff. The services were elaborate and participated in by the whole population.

J. A. Mower No. 3, Breckenridge.—Memorial Day was never more generally observed than this year; citizens all taking pride in beautifying the whole cemetery. The plot for the Unknown Dead was literally covered with crosses, crowns and wreaths. The cross at the head, erected by the Corps last year, was surrounded by an immense crown. The children assisted in the entertainment at the hall in the evening.

T. H. Dodd No. 5, Golden.—A greater interest than ever before was manifested. In the afternoon the Opera House was filled to overflowing. The entertainment being furnished by the public school in a suitable and creditable manner.

E. V. Sumner No. 7, Silver Cliff.—Observed the day with the Post; the children participating. The Unknown Dead being remembered.

Jas. A. Garfield No. 8, Leadville.—This Corps jointly with the Post celebrated very elaborately, and erected a monument to the Unknown Dead, in the form of a broken column. The celebration of Memorial Day was the finest



ever seen in Leadville. In the evening at the entertainment cheers were given to the Relief Corps. The Commander of Garfield Post alluded to the Corps as a true auxiliary.

J. F. Reynolds No. 9, Cheyenne, Wyo.—This Corps attended in a body; the children did not take part, nor was a memorial prepared to the Unknown Dead.

Gunnison No. 12, Gunnison.—The memorial services were attended by the entire Corps and the children. The Unknown Dead were duly remembered.

U. S. Grant No. 15, Greeley.—About half the Corps together with the children took part in the services. The Unknown Dead were not forgotten. The exercises were imposing and splendidly carried out; each grave was masked by a flag, and upon each was placed the emblems of love and remembrance. Upon the monument to the Unknown Dead, the floral decorations were especially profuse and appropriate.

Grand Junction No. 17, Grand Junction.—The services to the memory of the Known and Unknown Dead, were attended by the entire Corps. The efforts of the G. A. R. Post to have all old soldiers interred in one Cemetery are ably assisted by this Corps.

Greenwood No. 18, Canon City.—The members of the Corps did not attend the memorial services in a body. The graves were decorated and a memorial prepared to the Unknown Dead.

Winfield Scott No. 19, Aspen.—Memorial Day was more generally observed than ever before. The entire Corps attended in a body together with the children. The Corps assisted the Post to the amount of \$70 in defraying the expenses.

Custer No. 20, Laramie, Wyo.—For the first time the public school joined in the exercises, though the efforts of the Corps, which attended in a body; a memorial was prepared for the Unknown Dead.

E. R. Canby No. 21, Trinidad.—This Corps attended memorial services in a body; the children to the number of 126 decorating under the supervision of the ladies. The exercises were impressive and more generally attended than in previous years.

E. D. Baker No. 22, Idaho Springs.—The Corps and Post were generally assisted in the Memorial Day services by the town Council, the civic societies, the school children and citizens, and the exercises seemed to have made a deep impression on all attending.

W. S. Hancock No. 23, Glenwood Springs.—This Corps attended as a body and assisted the Post in decorating the graves, and preparing a memorial to the Unknown Dead.

Evans No. 24, Evans.—After appropriate services in the morning, a large concourse of people assembled at the cemetery and assisted in the decoration of the graves, and the erection of a cross to the Unknown Dead.

Thornburg No. 25, Georgetown.—The Corps attended Memorial Day exercises as a body, provided flowers by purchase and decorated the graves.

Geo. H. Thomas No. 26, Fort Collins.—Memorial Day services were attended by this Corps in a body, and thirteen children took part in decorating the graves. No memorial to the Unknown Dead has as yet been erected.

Nathaniel Lyon No. 27, Boulder.—Memorial Day was observed with appropriate services. The decorations of the Post hall were beautiful and artistic. The procession to the cemetery was very imposing; there the exercises were brief. The graves were all decorated and a memorial prepared to the Unknown Dead. A memorial essay composed and read by the Corps Chaplain, Mrs. L. S. Naston, created a deep and visible impression.

John Schuler No. 28, Sheridan, Wyo.—This young and struggling Corps had made great efforts to make Memorial Day the success it proved to be. The attendance at the services was very large and a general interest manifested. To this distant Corps belongs the credit of sending in the first report received by me.

Battle Mountain No. 29, Red Cliff.—Memorial services were attended by this Corps as a body, and assisted by the children helped to make Memorial Day a success in every respect. A beautiful cross was dedicated to the Unknown Dead.

Spanish Peaks No. 30, Powell.—All the members took part in Memorial Day services, together with the children, and assisted the Post in the decoration.

(I regret that the report of this Corps reached me too late to be embodied in my report to the National Chaplain.)

Kit Carson No. 31, Lamar.—The entire Corps attended memorial services, as but one soldier's grave was to be decorated, a committee attended to this duty and a memorial also for the Unknown Dead.

#### RECOMMENDATION.

I would urge Corps Presidents to see to it that Corps Chaplains send in their reports as soon after Decoration Day as possible, thereby assisting the Department Chaplain in the requirements of her duties.

I would also earnestly suggest that this sad sacred service be made one of reverential solemnity.

And furthermore suggest that each Corps erect a monument to the memory of the Unknown Dead, and those that sleep on Southern battle fields.

Decoration Day for 1890 passed while—

(We mingled the flowers so sweet and fair)

The lily, the myrtle, the rose white and red,

And with loving hand tenderly placed them with care,

On the graves of our heroes dead.

'Twas but a fancy; yet we thought

We almost heard them say: Come back again

When spring has blossomed from the winter hoary;

We answered back, we will; and we left them

Alone in their glory.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

AMERICA WHIST,  
*Department Chaplain.*

Committee on Chaplain report—Mrs. Barron, Gwendoline Powell, Lida C. Dunnagan, Olive Hogle, Josephine Morehead.

Moved by Mrs. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Smidle, that we adjourn until 2 P. M. Motion carried.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention opened at 1:45 P. M. with singing followed by prayer by the Department Chaplain.

After taking the password the following letters from other Departments were read by the secretary:

MEDFORD, Mass., April 23, 1891.

*Mrs. America Anderson, President of Department of Colorado and Wyoming W. R. C.*

DEAR MADAM—I am in receipt of your general order No. 6, which gives date of Department Convention, etc., and as this may be your last official communication to me as President, permit me to thank you for the courtesies received from your headquarters, and my hearty congratulations on the success of your administration. Accept for yourself and convey to the members of your convention my most fraternal regards.

Faithfully yours in F. C. and L.,

SARAH E. FULLER,  
Past National President W. R. C.

MOBERLY, Mo., April 3, 1891.

*Mrs. America Anderson, member National Executive Board.*

DEAR MADAM—Your good wishes for our prosperity are gratefully acknowledged, and the Seventh Annual Convention of Missouri, now assembled, heartily echo your sentiments for the profit of the Colorado and Wyoming Convention.

In F. C. and L.

Committee	{	HELLEN E. DAY,
		SARAH E. BAIRD,
		OLIVE HOFMASTER.

DECATUR, ILL., April 17, 1891.

*Mrs. America Anderson, President Department Colorado and Wyoming, W. R. C., Denver, Colorado:*

DEAR SISTER—Please accept greetings and best wishes from Illinois. May your Seventh Annual Convention be a success.

Yours in F., C. and L.

MARY A. BRADLEY,  
*President Department Illinois, W. R. C.*

FOREST GROVE, OREGON, April 11, 1891.

*America Anderson, Department President, W. R. C.:*

DEAR SISTER—Your greetings were read at our Convention and a vote of thanks taken. As Department Secretary I was directed to reply. During our Convention many greetings came to us from over the mountains, and we felt that we were not forgotten by our sisters.

Sincerely yours in F., C. & L.,

SARAH E. MILLER,  
*Past Department President.*

ITHACA, MICH., April 25, 1891.

*America Anderson, Department President:*

DEAR MADAM—The Department of Michigan, W. R. C., extends cordial greeting to the sisters in Convention assembled, and hopes that your meeting at Manitou Springs may be one of peace and harmony, increasing your devotion to the principles to which we all stand pledged.

Fraternally yours,

SARAH L. BROWN,  
*Department President.*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., April 27, 1891.

*America Anderson, Department President, W. R. C.*

Manitou Springs, Colo.:

DEAR SISTER—Please accept for yourself and sister members of the Seventh Annual Convention of Colorado and Wyoming greetings and best wishes from

Yours Very Truly in F., C. & L.,

LYDIA A. GEORGE,  
*Past Department President, W. R. C.*

Moved by Mrs. Telford, seconded by Mrs. Carr that a letter of sympathy and love be sent to Mrs. Fuller from this Convention. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. McGill that a telegram be sent from this Convention to Mrs. Harper, Past President, of Greeley, that she may know we have not forgotten, and do miss her. Motion carried.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved. The Secretary called the roll of Convention and seventy-six officers and delegates answered present.

Minutes of the First Department Council meeting read.

Moved by Mrs. Smidle, seconded by Mrs. Berwick Anderson, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Second Council meeting read.

Moved by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Howard, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Third Council meeting read.

Moved by Mrs. Macauley, seconded by Mrs. McGill, that they be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. De Lange, seconded by Mrs. Calvert, to set aside a decision of the last Department Convention and not publish the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Convention. Remarks by Mrs. Calvert explaining that owing to the loss of reports the records were very incomplete. Motion carried.

Report of Department Inspector.

## DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT,

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1889, TO OCTOBER 1, 1890.

*America Anderson, Department President W. R. C.:*

As Inspector of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, I have honor to submit the following report:

At the time of Inspection there were 31 Corps reporting. This does not include Colorado Springs No. 4, Powell No. 30, Colorado City No. 38, Pikes Peak No. 39 of Manitou, M. M. Crocker No. 40 of Denver, Phil. Sheridan No. 41 of Buena Vista, making 37 Corps in all. A gain over last year of 11 Corps.

The tabulated statement with the following summary, is the result of the Inspection for the year ending September 30, 1890.



Number of regular meetings in the year.....	684
“ “ members in good standing.....	936
Average attendance of officers .....	6
“ “ “ members and officers.....	13

The rituals were found complete with one exception.

All National and Department General orders and National and Department conventional proceedings, preserved and filed.

All reports and dues were forwarded to Department headquarters.

Average amount charged for initiation not including price of badge.....	\$1.3-00
Average yearly dues.....	\$1.60 3-00

Every Corps has a Relief Fund.

Amount of money in the Relief Fund October 1, 1890.....	\$592.11
Amount expended for relief from October 1, 1889 to October 1, 1890.....	\$1699.12
Estimated value of relief other than money from October 1, 1889 to October 1, 1890.....	\$1086.25

Total Relief.....	\$2,785.37
Making a gain over the previous year of.....	\$758.37

The books of Secretary and Treasurer have been audited in every Corps.

Charters are in the hall at every meeting.

All members have copies of rules and regulations.

Reports are accepted by Posts in every case, where sent.

Posts and Corps work in harmony with one exception.

Twenty-two Corps reported proceedings of last Department convention.

The ritual is memorized in ten Corps.

Partially memorized in thirteen Corps.

Not at all in eight Corps.

Twenty-six Corps rank excellent.

Four Corps rank good.

One Corps ranks poor.

Of these Geo. G. Meade No. 6, of Denver, leads in membership, 88 in good standing, followed closely by Veteran No. 14 of Denver, 84 in good standing.

U. S. Grant of Greeley has 79 in good standing.

The Corps in this Department that have expended over \$100.00 in cash in relief from October 1, 1889, and October 1, 1890, are:

Veteran No. 14 of Denver, \$251.45 in cash, \$260.00 in other than money.

Geo. G. Meade No. 6 of Denver, \$220.25 in cash, \$28.75 in other than money.

U. S. Grant No. 15 of Greeley, \$159 35 in cash, \$75 00 in other than money.

Farragut No. 1 of Denver, \$130.70 in cash, \$100.00 in other than money.

Custer No. 20 of Laramie, Wyo., \$103.60 in cash, \$75.00 in other than money.

The advance and growth of the Woman's Relief Corps has been of a phenomenal character in recent years, and it is so for reasons which in themselves insure success. It was left to the women of New England to erect the monument at Bunker Hill. And they did it grandly. It is the testimony of history, too, the sacrifices were not alone confined to those who risked their lives on the battle field. The men went cheerfully, but oh! the anguish occasioned: The sacrifice which women endured, as mother, wife, sister or sweetheart, said good-bye. And it is to be remembered that in the armies and navy of the Union, no life was so humble, no volunteer of the millions who went, hundreds of thousand never to return, none so poor, but that when the lights went out forever, for him the tear of affection from some woman's loving heart, was wrung, when she learned the sad tidings.

In remembrances such as these, and others which might be told, we find reasons which make the women of our day and generation, of course I speak of the defenders of the Union, a proper and most fitting auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Many shared in their trials then; why not in their glory now?

To the National President, Secretary and Inspector, I am greatly indebted for courtesies extended. Especially am I indebted to our National President for extending the time of Inspection in this Department to January 1, 1891. Although there were no storms worth mentioning, various delays were caused by repairs on the road, for which no

previous arrangements could be made; 3,118 miles were traveled by myself at a cost to the Department of \$127.50.

Expenses of Inspection last year were \$101.90, and there were many passes, I had half rates on the Union Pacific and Colorado Central in Colorado, for which we are indebted to Past Department Commander Geo. Ady. Also passes for your Department President and myself to Akron and return, for which we are indebted to Superintendent Swartz of the Burlington. For the rest of the trip full fare was paid.

The Department cheerfully allowed me every dollar I asked for.

Four dollars was used in postage.

Twice I went home on account of sickness in my family, but the expense of these trips was paid by myself.

Of the general work of the Corps, one and all, too much good cannot be said, too much praise given. Each showed by the patience given to every detail, and the readiness with which all answered to every call, and practised upon each questioned point; proved to me conclusively their desire for perfection.

Was received very cordially with only two exceptions. This did not ruffle me at all as I carried plenty of money, and almost every community supports at least one hotel. It was not difficult to make myself comfortable.

By invitation of our Department President I made my home with her whenever in Denver, this was a fraternal kindness, as up to the time of my appointment we were perfect strangers. At her request I made my first visit to Salida. Edwin M. Stanton No. 37 was instituted by their Post Commander, consequently knew nothing of the secret work. Was met at the depot by Corps president and escorted to her home. This Corps is doing grand work, and can take to themselves the great comfort for having kept their Post from disbanding.

Among the bright memories of my trip; one of the brightest is the remembrance of little Brownie Smith and her womanly efforts to entertain me when her mamma and sister were busy.

At Pueblo through some misunderstanding, no one met me. The afternoon was spent in trying to find some trace of Corps officers. Late in the afternoon I found the



Secretary, but as I was due at La Junta the next day could only make arrangement of inspection upon my return. Found our Department president waiting for me at the Ferris House, where, according to previous arrangements, we visited La Junta and Lamar together. Arrived at La Junta in the small hours of the morning supposing we were expected, but to our surprise no one met us, even depot officials were scarce. In answer to my inquiry, where is your best hotel? a smiling answer was given that there was not much choice but directed us to the R. R. house. We looked at one another in dismay, but remembering the many thousands and boys in blue, who marched on without even a R. R. house in view, we gathered up our grips and moved on to find everything clean and shining with clean rooms and most comfortable beds. A well furnished table with the whitest of table linen and glistening glassware to help digestion. Right here we resolved to not again cross a bridge until we came to it, for where at first things seemed so dark everything was so bright. We started out and found the Post Commander, when to our surprise we found that we were not expected until the next week; returning to the hotel Commander Russell and Adjutant and Mrs. Davis with her Corps Secretary called upon us, all expressed their regret that there was no one to meet us and we felt its sincerity, for that is something we feel although we can scarcely tell why.

This Corps, although in their first year, were doing well and anxious to learn, which is always encouraging. In the evening a campfire was held by Post Corps and Sons of Veterans which, though the notice was short, was well attended and much interest manifested. I noticed the Secretary was kept busy filling out applications for membership. When we called for our bill at the hotel, found all settled by Post Commander.

"The world's running over with laughter  
 With sunshine and happy song,  
 And spite of the clouds comes the shining after,  
 The shadows are never for long."

At Lamar was met by Mrs. Cooper, Corps President, and Mrs. Billow and escorted to the Commercial hotel where we were nicely entertained. This, in my opinion, is

the best Corps that I know of instituted by a Post Commander. They are very thorough and systematic in their work and show very conclusive the blessings of efficient officers. A reception was held in the evening at the Commercial, which was well attended.

To Pueblo, when Mrs. Anderson returned to Denver and I remained to inspect Upton Corps No. 2. Was entertained by Mrs. Sanford, P. C. P. Found this Corps laboring under the great disadvantage of having a visiting President. Most heartily do I sympathize with the senior vice who has the load to carry, with none of the credit of the work. All papers go to the President who often gets them to Secretary or not, as she pleases, still they have done good work and deserve all the more praise.

At Canon City was met and entertained by their former President, Mrs. Godfrey. There had been much sickness here but the Corps made a good showing,

From this point I expected to visit Silver Cliff, but found to do so I should be obliged to travel seventy miles by stage, up-hill going and coming, the R. R. agent said, in twenty-four hours. This I could not do and meet my appointment at Leadville, so wrote to the senior vice to conduct the Inspection, and forward report to Department headquarters.

In Leadville found all ready and waiting. There's a world of energy here, and their work is in splendid shape.

Red Cliff should be called the city on the hills. This Corps, Battle Mountain No. 29, is a splendidly drilled and equipped Corps. Their Ritual work is simply perfect. In talking with the members after inspection, one lady said, our success is entirely due to our President, she knows just what to say and how much. This is a simple statement but its meaning would fill volumes.

Glenwood Springs Corps, W. S. Hancock No. 23, seemed to be laboring under the disadvantage of a divided household; that is there did not seem to be the best of feeling between Post and Corps, but the Corps had their books in proper shape and form of work correct.

Aspen is a beautiful city. Train behind time as usual, so that the members were coming down stairs when we arrived (I was accompanied by Mrs. Scerl and Mrs. Smith of Leadville Corps), but all returned to Hall. This is the



only Corps in this Department that has held 52 meetings in a year, and right royally do they heed the command to help their Post. The Post Commander said: "We are the auxiliary, for they take the lead in every good work." At the Jerome where I was entertained, I met Mrs. Marple, a member of Lincoln Corps, San Francisco, Cal. From here I received ample illustration of the first word of our motto.

I attempted to reach Gunnison by the way of Como, found myself stranded at St. Elmo the night before election. Upon inquiry was informed there was but one hotel in the place. To my surprise when the train stopped the lights of the town were some 2,000 feet below the depot, did not so much mind the going down but the wonder grew how in the world was I going to get up there in the morning. But remembering that possibly this was another bridge I had not come to yet, I followed my guide down the rickety steps to find a comfortable hotel and a clean room. In answer to my request for a light a tallow candle was brought to me. As I had of late been accustomed to electric lights, the difference was quite perceptible. At the first peep of dawn I drew my curtain one side to survey the town, there seemingly among the clouds was the depot. After a fair breakfast paid my bill and started, but decided to take the road instead of the steps. At the depot found it would require another stop over night before reaching Gunnison, decided to return to Como, and was deeply grateful to reach my destination in safety. Although accustomed to mountain roads was not accustomed to R. R. officials so full of whisky.

When air ships are successful, and they become a regular institution for the accommodation of passenger traffic in Colorado and Wyoming, then, and then only, can this trip be made in the time specified, give each Corps ample notice so that they can decide upon the form of entertainment, and who they would like to invite, there and ready. Most heartily do I thank the Corps for their kindly consideration for my feelings, no matter how much trouble I put them to, not one syllable of complaint has come to me with but one exception.

During this trip every kind of car, from the aristocratic Pullman to necessary half express, half passenger, came in my way, while for trains, passenger, freight or



cattle I never complained until it was suggested that I could reach Grand Junction by crossing the intervening distance between new roads on a hand car. This I thought was a good place to draw the line.

On my trip to Evans, Greeley and Cheyenne, had I known that on my arrival at Cheyenne I should find the permit from National President extending the time for Inspection to January 1, I could have gone through to Laramie first, and made these points in inverse ratio and then the Department President would have been of the party. But I believe it was Longfellow who admitted that often his best thoughts came too late, certainly we ordinary mortals must not expect to do better.

Found Evans suffering from an epidemic among the little folks, but they made a good showing of the year's work.

Found Greeley ready with a big attendance. The work of this Corps is so well known that no word is needed from me. It seemed like going among old friends, for here are many faces that gave me kindly greeting at my first Convention.

At Cheyenne, train behind time as usual, was met by Corps President and Treasurer and escorted directly to the hall, where J. F. Reynolds No. 9, were in waiting. They went through with the work of Inspection correctly and made a good showing of the year's work. The President invited all to her house in the evening where a very pleasant evening was spent. Arrangements were made for a camp-fire upon my return from other points in Wyoming. So I telegraphed Department President to meet here upon my return. Before leaving Cheyenne I found from the comrades that it would be impossible to reach Sheridan and Sundance, Wyoming, both on account of the lateness of the season and the great expense. It does seem too bad that a Corps that is able to collect \$4.80 dues of its members is not within reach of visitors.

At Laramie was met by Corps President and Department J. and I. officer and escorted to the hotel; during the evening Mrs. Fitch, my predecessor, with other Corps members called upon me. They have plenty of money and a generous spirit to go with it. Had a good number out for Inspection and work in proper shape.

At Tie Siding was met by Corps President and Conductor, and entertained by Corps President. This Corps, organized on July 4th last, have as costly a furnished lodge room as there is in this Department, and it is due entirely to their efforts. My sympathies were strongly moved for this little Corps, for they worked so truly with so little showing.

Back to Chéyenne, train behind time as usual, so that instead of the long looked for rest and warm bath that I had been looking forward to, I was ushered into the dining room with the request to hurry, as eating is a secondary consideration when tired, did not mind very much, returned to the parlor to find the ladies waiting. The Department President laughingly remarked that she alway looked for trains to be behind time when I was aboard. Usually I don't object to remarks when there is a semblance of truth, but remembering all I had borne, could not resist the temptation of retorting, that it was well there was no Department President aboard or we should have been later. We started for the hall, to find the Corps in session, when we very nearly made the mistake of saluting the Junior Vice owing to the arrangement of the hall. Some members coming in later made the same mistake which she explained later by saying she wished to show proper respect to all officers. The campfire was well attended and evidently enjoyed. Speeches were made by many after which refreshments were served. The wife of Governor Warren called upon us and sent her carriage for us to drive to the Fort, then to the depot.

From this point it was my intention to go by the Colorado Central to Fort Collins, Longmont and Boulder, but received a letter from home that my little boy was quite sick, and as I had also received a permit from National President extending my time, decided to return home and make these points later, which I did.

At Golden was cordially entertained by Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Mann. This Corps had a good attendance and their work in proper shape. After the Inspection in company with Corps members, paid a visit to the Soldiers Home. Many times have I pictured to myself this home as small, perhaps, but cosy; how different is the reality, small it surely is, dilapidated, forlorn, standing on a side



hill, without a tree or shrub standing any where near. Truly I thought to myself, Republics are ungrateful, that the worthy wards of our Nation have come to this. On entering found that the house was so arranged that the sleeping rooms were on either side and the sitting room in the center, where not one ray of sunlight could reach them. The poor old blind soldier was sitting there by the stove. He gave us a cordial greeting and seemed glad to meet us. Have never been able to get the wonder out of my mind as to how I should feel if that were my father sitting there so forlorn. They told me that he has grown children living. He is totally blind and will always have to be taken care of. Remember that we belong to a State, that can easily vote \$100,000 to the World's Fair, but would send our soldiers to that far away valley, from whence no soldier would ever return, forgetting that it is late afternoon for most of them and their graves will be green before that San Luis Valley will have its promised rose bloom.

At Idaho Springs, went to the hotel for dinner with the Delegate to National; as this Corps meets in the evening was treated to a drive by Mrs. Plummer, about this beautiful place. Corps assembled promptly, proceeded first to the election of their officers for the ensuing year, after which all responded cheerfully to the work of Inspection, was very much pleased with their work, and the general good feeling manifested. Before closing I was asked to tell them something of the Soldiers Home; to the best of my ability I stated its needs and they voted twenty dollars which they gave to me to bring.

At Georgetown was met by Comrade Phillips, who escorted me to their home; I had met his wife in Convention, so was not going among strangers. At the Corps meeting met others whose faces I remembered. This Corps also had their work in proper form, and went through without a break. They also voted twenty-five dollars to the Soldiers Home, so that I returned to Denver with the thought that truly I had fallen among generous people.

At Boulder was met by President, Secretary and Treasurer of that Corps. I was accompanied on this trip by our Department President; we were accompanied to the hotel and entertained at the Corps' expense, and treated to a delightful drive before Corps time at the meeting, which



was well attended. This Corps demonstrated fully their faithful drill and work of efficient officers. In the evening a campfire was held which was a crush; with only one exception, there were more G. A. R. men out than at any gathering during my trip, and they expressed themselves in no unmeasured terms as deeply grateful to their auxiliary. In the morning Mrs. Anderson returned to Denver. While waiting to take the train for Longmont, several G. A. R. men came to the depot, among them Commander Carr of Longmont. Found this Corps in the midst of their work for the carnival, their books and work in proper shape. In the evening was invited to go to the drill, which left only one regret in my mind—that I could not remain for the carnival, but bought a ticket and wished them good luck, which was certainly varified by the result. The Post were holding their meeting in the same building and invited me to visit them, was cordially received. This was my first and only visit to a Post; we were invited to remain for lunch but most of us having faint recollections of the late hours that lodges are responsible for, concluded to decline and returned home.

At Fort Collins was met by Corps President and escorted to her home. Corps meeting was well attended. This Corps had my sincere sympathy, for they were laboring under a severe disadvantage. Mrs. Hall had been elected to fill a vacancy, their former President had left, and bravely had this little band worked without even the password. Went with Mrs. Thoman to her beautiful home where I was cordially entertained until train time next day.

The Denver Corps, Farragut, Meade and Veteran, were inspected the same week. These three Corps have much to do, being among those of which much is required. Each Corps has the ritual entirely memorized and the work perfect in form. Meade Post and Corps joined hands in a campfire during my week in Denver, to which all were invited. Farragut gave a ball, but remembering the work before me yet and that I was very tired, I decided not to attend, although I was offered the lead of the grand march.

To Akron accompanied by Department President, passes were furnished us. We were met by Corps President and her mother, the Chaplain, and escorted to the

hotel, where we were entertained by the Corps Secretary. This Corps is among the new ones, but they needed no help; had their work in perfect form and their ritual entirely memorized. In the evening a rousing campfire was given in the Methodist church; here, too, the Comrades gave their Corps unmeasured praise for their help to them.

On my return to Denver the President asked me to visit the new Corps at Colorado Springs, Colorado City and Manitou, not for Inspection but to answer questions. Was met at Colorado Springs by Corps President and escorted to her home; we soon found we had mutual friends and they were related to friends of my younger days, in my old home, Detroit, Michigan. These three Corps have a good start in their work and undoubted energy which will make a good showing for the Inspection.

At Trinidad there was the strongest call upon my sympathies. Their Post had divided, which could not help but make a little feeling. They had been Inspected by two different Presidents of this Department, and had at one time sent their Corps President to Convention, paying her entire expenses, still they knew no more of the form of balloting or many parts of the ritual work than a Sioux chief of his reservation; to the best of my ability I showed them, and they picked it up quickly, showing that there are plenty of brains there.

From Spanish Peaks, of Powell, I did not hear at all.

From Grand Junction the Assistant Inspector says, after giving them the best standing: "We have more and better work than any year since our organization, and expect to use our best efforts to improve this coming year."

From Silver Cliff the Assistant Inspector makes no comments, but gives them first rank.

From Gunnison, the Assistant Inspector says: "We have have had much sickness, and are all very busy women, have found it hard to get a quorum; so have been obliged to do business through the Executive Board."

From Sheridan, Wyoming, the Assistant Inspector reports rather discouraging. I should like to see the writer of the report.

From Sundance, where their dues are \$4.80, comes a very cheery report; she winds up by saying: "We are young but hope to grow all right."



Lastly my own Corps, Mower. Breckenridge is a mining camp, and if the mines would always pay well, then we should keep our people, therefore ours would be prosperous, but as it is dull times come and those who can move to pastures new; but as it is there is a world of energy and love for the work, which shows amply in their work.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the Per Capita tax be lowered to fifteen cents.

That the Secretary and Treasurer's salary be paid from the general fund, without further tax upon the Corps.

That a special effort be made to reach Sheridan and Sundance this year to help them to grow right.

That Corps pay special attention to relief other than money; feel satisfied that this item would be much larger if properly attended to.

Mrs. President, to the best of my ability, with knowledge that I had at the time, I have discharged the duty you gave into my hands last Convention. To you I am indebted for many courtesies, much help. My hearty thanks are due and gratefully offered for never in any way interfering in my work, for your able assistance when needed in the conductor's work, at first it did not seem to me right that I should take the first part, but out of the kindness of your heart you would have it so. I am more than proud to have been an officer during this administration. To my associates I am indebted for many courtesies. If to any I have said or done one thing that has offended, I ask you to forget it now, and believe it was not intentional.

To the Corps I also offer my hearty thanks for their many courtesies to me. Although my report is so long, had I given to you the credit you deserve, even with the ability, the time to do so, would have been fully taken up.

For myself I certainly have gained the material for the most exquisite enjoyment of pleasing reminiscences and reverie for the quiet evenings at home.

Most respectfully submitted,

IDA LADD PHILLIPS,  
*Department Inspector.*

Committee on Inspector's report—Sarah E. Calvert, Lizzie C. Smith, Nellie Davis, Susie J. Searl, Fredericka Langmeyer.



## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT I. AND I. OFFICER.

MANITOU, April 27, 1891.

*Mrs. America Anderson, President of Department of Wyoming and Colorado, W. R. C.*

I have the honor to submit the following report of Instituting and Installing Officer for the year 1890 and 1891.

The Department has gained through the year twelve new Corps, with an aggregate charter membership of just 217 members.

The first Corps instituted during the present administration was McPherson Corps No. 32, June 15th, by America Anderson, Department President, and had the largest number of charter members, twenty-six. President, Mary L. Carr.

Corps meets at G. A. R. Hall, Longmont, first and third Wednesday's of each month.

Second Corps. Chester A. Arthur Corps No. 33, instituted at Sundance, Wyo., June 21, 1890, with seventeen charter members. President, Harriet Settle.

Corps meets at Masonic Hall, second Saturday of each month, at 3 o'clock, P. M. S. N. Martin, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Third Corps, at La Junta, Colo., Kilpatrick Corps No. 34, instituted with fifteen charter members. President, N. E. Davis.

Corps meets at G. A. R. Hall. John T. Russell, Post Commander of Kilpatrick Post No. 41, Instituting and Installing officer.

George Crook Corps No. 35 was instituted at Tie Siding, Wyo., with thirteen charter members. This Corps was instituted on the 4th of July. People had gathered from far and near to celebrate. Speaking and dancing and a general good time was had by the many that had gathered there. The big American flag was waving from the new G. A. R. Hall.

It was a great task to gather thirteen loyal woman together long enough to organize. I think, if the Band had stopped playing for a few hours, we would have had twenty charter members instead of thirteen. President, Pheba Gearhart.

Corps meets at G. A. R. Hall first and third Friday of each month. Mary E. Ingersoll, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Akron Corps No. 36 was instituted at Akron, Colo., July 17, 1890, with twenty-one charter members. President, Nellie L. Bailey.

Corps meets in Masonic Hall first and third Friday's of each month. America Anderson, Department President, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Edwin M. Stanton Corps No. 37 was instituted at Salida, Chaffee County, Colo., August 27, with eighteen charter members. President, Lizzie C. Smith.

Place of meeting, Masonic Temple, first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 2:30 P. M. W. K. Eggleston, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Colorado City Corps No. 38 was organized at Colorado City, Colo., October 22, 1890, with twenty-two charter members. President, F. B. Langmeyer. America Anderson, Department President, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Pike's Peak Corps No. 39 was instituted at Manitou, Colo., November 8, 1890, with sixteen charter members. President, Christina Thornton. America Anderson, Department President, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Colorado Springs Corps No. 4, instituted September 2, 1890, at Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colo., with twenty-two charter members. President, Ella L. C. Dwinell.

Corps meets at G. A. R. Hall every second and fourth Tuesdays, beginning September 9th. America Anderson, Department President, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Crocker Corps No. 40 was instituted January 10, 1891, at North Denver, with eighteen charter members. President, Dorcas A. Hanson.

Corps meets every Saturday at 2:30 P. M., corner of Central and 15th Streets. America Anderson, Department President, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Phil. Sheridan Corps No. 41 was instituted at Buena Vista, Colo., January 15, 1891, with nineteen charter members. President, Martha L. Daniels.

Place of meeting, G. A. R. Hall, every other Friday evening. Instituted by America Anderson, Department President; Installed by Sarah E. Calvert.

Washington Corps No. 42, instituted April 21, 1891, at South Denver. President, Adelia McCauley.

This is the last but not least, it has nineteen charter members. America Anderson, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Out of twelve Corps eight were instituted by America Anderson our Department President.

Farragut held its installation with the Post, America Anderson, Installing Officer.

Upton was installed by Minnie Sanford with only the Corps present.

J. A. Mower invited the Post to join them in installation; Ida Ladd Phillips was the Installing Officer.

Colorado Springs Corps was installed by George O. Nevins.

T. H. Dodd held its installation public with the Post. George West, Past Commander, Installing Officer.

George G. Meade held its installation jointly with the Post; America Anderson, Installing Officer.

E. V. Sumner, held its installation private; H. W. Foss, Past Commander, Installing Officer.

James A. Garfield held its installation public with the Post; Major A. V. Bohn, Installing Officer.

J. F. Reynolds had private installation; Mary E. Ingersoll, Installing Officer.

Gunnison was installed by John G. Potter.

Veteran held its installation public, jointly with Post; America Anderson, Installing Officer.

U. S. Grant held its installation with Post; Emily H. Jones, Installing Officer.

Grand Junction was installed by C. W. Steele, Commander of the Post.

Greenwood was installed by Lizzie B. Spryer.

Winfield Scott was installed by Peter J. Carraher.

Custer held joint installation with the Post; Mary E. Ingersoll, Installing Officer.

E. R. Canby was installed by John Roosa.

E. D. Baker held its installation public, jointly with the Post; Mrs. Emma Plummer, Installing Officer.

W. S. Hancock was installed by Maggie Hoover.

Evans Corps was installed by William McFee.



Thornburg held public installation jointly with Post; John A. Couster, Installing Officer.

George H. Thomas was installed by John C. Davis, Post Commander.

Nathaniel Lyon held joint installation with Post; N. S. Sheldon, Installing Officer.

Battle Mountain was installed by N. W. Goodrich.

Kit Carson was installed by D. E. Cooper.

McPhearson was installed by B. L. Carr.

Chester A. Arthur held public installation jointly with Post; Mary Morton, Installing Officer.

Kilpatrick was installed by N. E. Davis.

George Crook held public installation and was installed by Past Department Commander T. M. Fisher.

Akron held public installation jointly with Post; J. M. Rikens, Installing Officer.

Edwin M. Stanton was installed by H. D. Smith.

Colorado City was installed by Geo. O. Nevins.

Pike's Peak Corps was installed by Ella L. C. Dwinell.

M. M. Crocker held joint installation with Post and was installed by America Anderson.

During the year I have instituted one Corps, installed two Corps and attended two Council meetings.

In closing my report I wish to testify to the unvarying kindness and ever willing assistance I have received.

I extend to our Department President and all associated with her my sincere thanks, to those of our members who have aided me in my work, I desire to say that your kindness was appreciated, and I hereby return my thanks.

#### RECOMMENDATION.

I would like to suggest that all Corps Presidents send a full report of their elections and installations direct to the I. & I. officer. It will save a good deal of trouble and give the I. & I. officer a better opportunity to furnish a good report for each Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MARY E. INGERSOLL,

*Instituting and Installing Officer.*

Committee on chief I. & I. officer's report.—Josephine A. Cheeseman, Jennie McGill, Emily De la Vergne, Sarah C. Russell, Carrie E. Phillips.

## COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

MANITOU SPRINGS, COLO., April 28, 1891.

*America Anderson, President W. R. C. of Department of Colorado and Wyoming, and Ladies of Seventh Department Convention:*

I have the honor to submit the following report:

But little work has been required of the Counselor of the Department during the past year; one case only having been submitted for an opinion.

Hence is to be inferred that the Corps throughout this Department are in intelligent and harmonious working order.

The case in question was this: A Corps President regularly elected and installed, at annual meeting, appoints her committees. Three months later she resigns, and her successor is duly elected and installed. Can the newly elected President remove the committees and appoint new ones, or do the old committees hold their places until the expiration of the year?

## OPINION.

According to Rules and Regulations, a President appoints her own committees, so it is not a matter of removing the old committees when a new President is elected.

The committees are released by the resignation of the appointive power. The new President can retain the old committees if she chooses.

This brief report is gladly and respectfully submitted.

In F., C. & Loyalty,

CLIMMA G. HOWARD,

*Department Counselor.*

Committee on Counselor's report—Sadie M. Fisher, Maria D. Wolcott, Salome Jones, Christina Thornton, Ruth McGill.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF AUDITING COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT W. R. C.  
DENVER, COLO., April 25, 1891.

*Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary W. R. C.*

We have the honor to report that the Auditing Committee, appointed by Chairman of Executive Board, have

carefully examined the books of Department Treasurer and found them correct, corresponding with vouchers and orders from Department President, and requisitions from Corps, also bills and receipts from National Treasurer.

We find a decided advancement in the financial and numerical work of our order during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MARY J. HANDYSIDE,  
AMERICA WHIST,  
*Auditing Committee.*

Moved by Mrs. Whist and seconded by Mrs. Calvert that a rising vote of thanks be given Ida De Lange, the Department Treasurer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Telford, seconded by Mrs. Melburn, that the report of the Auditing Committee be adopted. Carried.

A committee from G. A. R. with fraternal greetings, was announced. Comrades Carr, Kennedy and Webster were introduced by the Conductors. Each Comrade extended to the Convention his hearty endorsement of the work of the W. R. C., on behalf of the G. A. R. as a body and personally. The Committee retired and was accompanied by the Committee on Fraternal Greetings from the W. R. C.

#### REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE.

*Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary:*

I respectfully submit the following report of Relief extended by the Department Relief Committee:

We have not had much money to use, therefore our hands were in a measure tired. But when you remember the handsome report of relief throughout the Department, which in comparison to other Departments, seems small, still it helps to build up the National fund.

The National reports \$105,000 expended in Relief in the last year. Our Department helped in this.

This Department reports a gain of \$758.37 over last year. Remember also that this report of Relief throughout the Department only covers the ground to October 1, 1890, and seven months work has been done since then. If



we could only have that report to add to this, it would materially raise the figures.

The amount expended by this Committee, in money, other than money, clothing and railroad tickets, is only \$68.00. But add to this the work done by the Denver Corps, and it foots up the handsome sum of \$988.15.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

That one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) cents of the Per Capita Tax be set aside for the Department Relief Fund.

To my associates in the Department work I am indebted for many courtesies, and shall part with them with regret. There has been the most friendly and harmonious feeling, and in closing I wish to add my congratulations for your very successful and clean work of the year.

You surely can lay your work down, feeling as one who wraps the drapery of her couch about her and lays down to pleasant dreams.

Most respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

EMMA SMIDLE,

*Chairman Department Relief Committee.*

KATIE C. KENNEDY.

Moved by Mrs. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Whist, that the report be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Chairman of the Home Board was read by the Secretary and was as follows:

DENVER, April 24, 1891.

*Mrs. Sarah E. Calvert, Department Secretary, Colorado and Wyoming, W. R. C.*

MADAM—I have the honor to submit a brief report of the work of the year of the temporary Soldier's Home at Golden. Mrs. Britton, the matron, left the Home, April 21, 1890; a few days later Mrs. Ruddle took charge as matron. She has given very good satisfaction, there being no trouble, everything has been quiet and harmonious. I have made four visits to the Home during the year. The Board has held monthly meetings. All bills have been audited and promptly paid. Thirty-five applications have been received for admission to the Home. Twenty have been cared for, two have been sent away, the others most of

them could not meet the requirements. The Department paid to the matron the

First quarter.....	\$ 73 98
Second quarter.....	131 41
Third quarter.....	159 06
Fourth quarter.....	296 65

Total.....\$661 10

Of this amount \$41.75 has been paid to Dr. Elwood of Golden for attending inmates of the Home; \$10.00 for repairs on building; \$19.00 for transportations of comrades to the Home, visiting Home and other incidental expenses.

I have received the following donations of money, which I have turned over to Department Treasurer:

\$20.00 from Ellsworth Post.

\$50.00 from Comrade Scriggens.

\$10.00 from Comrade Galler.

\$10.00 from Comrade Shove.

The Corps of Denver sent Christmas boxes to the Home. Farragut sent one, Meade and Veteran made up one together, containing clothing, fruit, nuts, cranberries, reading matter and tobacco. Six inmates now remain at the Home.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

FRANCES S. KLOCK,  
*Chairman Home Board.*

Committee on Chairman of Home Board report—  
Adelia Macauley, Lucy Langdell, H. Hamerslag, Carrie S. Cooper, Alice F. Smith.

## REPORT OF DELEGATE AT LARGE.

*Mrs. President and Sister members:*

Having left Colorado in May last, something over two months previous to the holding of our Eighth National Convention, I was not of the number of those loyal women who boarded the official train at Denver, *en route* for the traditional "hub," in the "kingdom by the sea," hence it is not mine to narrate the divers incidents of travel connected with that patriotic excursion. The stop at Niagara, the Sabbath day's journey, down the St. Lawrence, the solemn beautiful religious service on the deep rolling waters; the whole-

sale debarkation and unexpected transfer to the already over-crowded sleepers, the chivalrous courtesy of the reception there, to the pilgrim guests, which turned their disappointment into pleasure, by the magic of Western hospitality, the further windings among the granite hills of New England and the final arrival at the modern Athens; none of these delightful happenings were for your Delegate-at-Large, or large delegate, which ever you may prefer. On the contrary fate or fortune willed, that on the memorable Saturday, preceeding the "gathering of the clans," I should be stranded at a way-side station on the New York Central railroad.

A socialistic storm called a "strike," was beating on that great artery of travel from one extremity to the other; it had almost ceased to throb; at length a sparodic train moving amid danger and uncertainty bore me to Albany, where all those Eastward bound were detained six hours by the champions of labor reform who held the keys to the bridge, and "would not" at length, at "the close of the day, when the hamlet was not at all still" and the labor problem having been sufficiently advanced, we were allowed to proceed on our way rejoicing.

Reached the city of the Puritans at 1 A. M., Sabbath morning, rather a weird hour for a lone woman to find herself in a strange city, however, my Argo came in the shape of an honest looking Jehu, who with the assistance of Medea landed me safely at Thessaly.

The remainder of that day I took my ease in my inn.

On Monday the Colorado delegation came bringing with them the breath of the prairie. The local committee did everything in their power to welcome the strangers. The guests from the Centennial State were especially favored in the matter of entertainment, being quartered in a quiet street on Beacon Hill, only three blocks from Tremont Temple.

Receptions and excursions by land and by sea were numberless and varied. Among the latter those to Plymouth and Concord, the home of Emerson, the old "Manse," and the first battle field of the revolution was much enjoyed.

The decorations of both public and private buildings surpassed any previous effort, the city being literally draped



in the National colors, with delegations marching here and there, strains of martial music echoing in the distance—imagination could easily paint the days of '61 returned. In the public gardens were unrivaled *fac similes* in growing plants, perfect in form and coloring of the badges, of each army and naval Corps of the rebellion, also the emblems of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., the Loyal Legion, S. of V. and D. of V. These beautiful tributes were appreciated and admired by all, but especially by the veterans, who seemed never to tire of their own particular "star."

The citizens were kindness itself to any waifs who may have gone astray in the crooked streets of the historic city—all these courtesies extended were as nought, when we remember that for nearly twelve hours traffic was suspended in honor of the Review of Peace. Of the long line who formed that grand pageant, and passed before our chief Magistrate, words can give no idea—the effort of each delegation, to individualize its own state by some unique emblem was ludicrous, yet in a certain way pathetic—the tattered battle-flags were cheered until many an eye unaccustomed to tears was dim, with "the morning star of memory." The "boys in blue" are growing old, as their silver heads and bent forms attest, many since the last reunion have heard and responded to the final bugle call, "lights out."

It is said art originated with a daughter of the Muses, she attempted to trace the shadow of her sleeping lover, and behold! art was born, would that I held her pencil and could trace on the minds of those present a shadow of the interior of Tremont Temple as it appeared on the morning of August 14, 1890, at the assembling of the Eight National Convention, W. R. C.

Promptly at 10 A. M. the venerable President let fall the gavel. Emily G. Clark stepped forward and asked the blessing of the Great Commander on the doings of the August body there gathered, and thus our work commenced. The records have ere this reached most of you.

I will not describe them in detail for they would be ancient history, yet there are two or three acts which deserve special mention.

First, the signing by Paul Van der Voort of the certificate which established the fact, that the Woman's Relief

Corps is the only Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Second, the acceptance of the National Home, for army nurses at Madison, Ohio, and third, that a memorial emblem be placed on the graves of deceased members of our order, just previous to May 30th.

The work of such a convention is very laborious. Mrs. Wittenmeyer did her best, but from lack of voice, she was forced to relinquish the gavel into the hands of Mrs. Manchester, S. V. P., who wielded it wisely and well.

We, of the West, were pleased to know that the reins of our organization were to be guided by the efficient hands and brain of Mary Seers McHenry for the year then dawning.

At the last session, Thursday evening, we bade each other adieu, and the following morning found many speeding in different directions,

“Like as a piece of drift-wood  
Tossed on the watery main,  
Another plank encounters,  
Meets, touches, parts again;  
So, tossed and drifting ever  
On life's unresting sea,  
We meet, and greet, and sever,  
Parting, mayhap, eternally.”

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

JOSEPHINE A. CHEESEMAN,  
*Delegate-at-Large.*

Committee on Delegate at Large report—M. Berwick Anderson, Hannah B. Wilson, Clara Whitney, Matilda Hoffman, Mary A. Eldridge.

Report of Committee on President's Address was read by Mrs. Mary Condit, as follows:

*Mrs. President and members of the Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.*

The Committee appointed on the address of the Department President, would respectfully submit the following report. We, as a Committee, have carefully examined the address and are deeply gratified with the full and complete account of the work of our order during the past year.



We also feel that this Department is under great obligations to our President for her kindness in furnishing to us free of cost, her address in printed form, and fully believe that a careful study of the same by the members of our order throughout the Department will be an inspiration to greater zeal and energy to those who falter and loose interest in the work. We also commend for your approval the careful economy exercised in the expenses of official work. We believe never in the history of this Department has the work been carried on with so little expense. We note with interest the organization of twelve new Corps in the Department, also the case of "twins," a rare occurrence in the history of the W. R. C. We regret the demonstrations from the band playing patriotic airs on the street interrupting the closing part of the address. We heartily approve the recommendations contained in the address.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MARY A. CONDIT,  
ELLA L. C. DWINELL,  
LAURA S. DODGE,  
ANNA E. STEELE,  
NELLIE L. BAILEY.

Moved and seconded by Mrs. Salome Jones and Mrs. Calvert, its adoption. Carried.

Report of Committee on Senior Vice-President's report was read by Mrs. Mary A. McElroy, as follows:

*Mrs. President and members of the Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Colorado and Wyoming:*

There being no recommendations in the Senior Vice-President's report, we heartily approve the sentiment herein set forth, and commend the spirit which she has shown in the work she has been able to do for the advancement of our order during the past year.

Respectfully in F., C. & L.,

MARY A. McELROY,  
M. E. HAMILTON,  
EMILY E. O'BRIEN,  
ANNIE A. SIEVERT.

Moved by Mrs. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge, that the report be adopted. Carried.



Report of Committee on Junior Vice-President's report was read by Mrs. Edna K. Gould as follows:

*Mrs. President and Members of the Seventh Convention:*

We, the Committee on Junior Vice-President's Report, having examined the same, find it very satisfactory and are pleased to report most favorably.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

EDNA K. GOULD,  
ETURA CLARK.

Moved by Mrs. Searl, seconded by Mrs. McGill, that the report be adopted. Carried:

Report of Committee on Secretary's report was read by Frances E. Hale as follows:

*Mrs. President and Members of the Convention:*

We have the honor to report that we heartily approve the Secretary's Report, and especially of her suggestion that the per capita tax be reduced to fifteen cents. The Committee wish to extend to Mrs. Calvert a vote of thanks for the able and careful manner in which she has performed her duty.

Most respectfully submitted,

FRANCES E. HALE,  
MARTHA L. DANIELS,  
EMMA SMIDLE,  
ORPHIA E. BACON,  
JENNIE A. MELBURN.

Moved by Mrs. De Lange, seconded by Mrs. Whist, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Rosella A. Goodrich as follows:

*Mrs. America Anderson, Department President, W. R. C., of Colorado and Wyoming:*

Your Committee on the report of Mrs. Ida De Lange, Department Treasurer, submit the following:

We have examined the report and believe great credit is due the Treasurer for the faithful and acceptable manner in which she has performed her arduous duties. We particularly recommend it for accuracy and neatness.

The accounts show a great increase in amount of cash on hand at this year's close as compared with last, a fact very gratifying to all interested. She reports the Depart-

ment as owing nothing and having nothing due it, showing clearly her faithfulness in attending to the duties of her office. It may not be understood by all why Dodd Corps of Golden appears to have given so little to Soldier's Home. A word of explanation is due in their behalf. They own the Home and give the rent, which is certainly doing their share. Since the Department is now established on a firm financial basis, we approve the recommendation that the per capita tax be reduced to fifteen cents. We trust the Department will always find as earnest and faithful officers and return our hearty thanks in behalf of all the members of this Department.

ROSELLA GOODRICH,  
MARY JEWETT TELFORD,  
MARY L. CARR,  
MAY S. HOTCHKISS,  
ELLEN BILLOW.

Moved by Mrs. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Todd, that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Chaplain's report was read by Mrs. Emma S. Barron as follows:

*Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:*

We, the Committee on the Department Chaplain's Report, do most heartily endorse the statements and beautiful sentiments contained therein, and feel that nothing could be added to or taken from it which would enhance its excellence or worth. This report shows to us that the interest of the children is increasing each year, and we would respectfully recommend that the children everywhere be taught to honor and take part in these beautiful services, and thus inculcate lessons of patriotism in the rising generation as the future bulwark of our glorious nation.

EMMA S. BARRON,  
OLIVE HOGLE,  
JOSEPHINE MOORHEAD,  
LYDIA DUNAGAN,  
GWENDOLINE POWELL.

Moved by Mrs. DeLange and seconded by Mrs. Ingersoll that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

An invitation was received from the Manitou Post to an entertainment at their hall this evening.

Moved by Mrs. McGill and seconded by Mrs. Howard that we accept the invitation. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Condit and seconded by Mrs. Telford that the election of officers commence at 10:30 A. M. tomorrow. Carried.

The report of Committee on I. and I Officer's report was read by Mrs. Josephine A. Cheeseman as follows:

*Mrs. President and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, W. R. C.:*

Your Committee on Report Instituting and Installing Officer submit the following report: We have carefully examined the report, and find her an earnest and efficient worker in the cause. We heartily endorse her sentiments, and may she be long spared to continue in the good work.

JOSEPHINE A. CHEESEMAM,  
JENNIE MCGILL,  
EMILY DE LA VERGNE,  
SARAH C. RUSSELL,  
CARRIE E. PHILLIPS.

Moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Dwinell that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Guard announced that a Committee from the Encampment asking for a portion of time to present the cause of old and disabled Comrades, was in waiting. Moved by Mrs. Cheeseman and seconded by Mrs. Steele that the Committee be admitted. Carried

The Conductors reported that they could not be found.

Moved by Mrs. Hogle and seconded by Mrs. Mandeville that the Committee be notified that it will be received. Carried.

A telegram was received from Mrs. Handyside, of Denver, stating that the National President and National Secretary were at the Albany in Denver. The National President was quite indisposed.

Moved by Mrs. Telford and second by Mrs. Whist that an answer be sent to the National President at the Albany. Carried.

The report of the Committee on the Inspector's Report was read by Mrs. Sarah E. Calvert, as follows:



*Mrs. President and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming:*

We, the undersigned committee, appointed on the Department Inspector's Report, respectfully submit the following: We have carefully examined the report and most heartily endorse the same, and recommend it to this Convention for adoption. Feeling sure we express the sentiment of the Convention together with the Department in general we most sincerely thank the Department Inspector for the able and unselfish manner in which she has filled this responsible office during the past year, and for the good work she has done for this Department for the years to come, and that she be allowed to explain the matter of electioneering if need be.

SARAH E. CALVERT,  
SUSIE J. SEARLE,  
LIZZIE C. SMITH,  
NELLIE DAVIS,  
FREDRICKA B. LANGMEYER.

The order of business was suspended to admit Comrades McClanathan, Treadwell and Whist.

Remarks were made by each, responded to by the Department President.

Moved by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Harriet Todd, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Comrades for their kindly words of greeting. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Fisher lost.

The Secretary read the report of Chairman of Executive Board, which was as follows:

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN  
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DENVER, COLO., April 25, 1891.

*America Anderson, Department President, W. R. C., and  
Chairman of Department Council of Colorado and Wyoming:*

In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to present to you and the members of the Council my report as Chairman of the Executive Board.

As you are aware of the business transacted at the first meeting of the Council, by the reading of the minutes

by the Secretary, it seems unnecessary for me to repeat them.

I will therefore refer to the second meeting of Council and Executive Board in joint session, which took place July 12, 1890, at Department Headquarters, 1311 South 10th Street, Denver, Colo., at which time the question of a banner suitable to accompany our representatives to National Convention, was introduced.

Our banner at that time bore only the single name of Colorado, whereas it should have been Colorado and Wyoming. A motion made by your Chairman and seconded by Mrs. Mann of Golden, that we secure a new banner, which would be an honor to our Department and do us credit at the National Convention.

After some discussion on the question, it was finally decided in the affirmative, and a Committee consisting of Delle Kelsay, America Whist, and Mary J. Handyside (the latter as Chairman), were appointed to secure the same, subject to the approval of Department President.

Now, as you see the old banner before you once more, with only a few amendments, an explanation seems due the Council and Convention. As Chairman of the Executive Board and also of Committee, I felt the responsibility resting upon myself, placed there by vote of our last Convention, as to the manner in which we should send those whom we had chosen to represent us, from Colorado to Boston, and a natural as well as patriotic pride inspired the wish that they should create a favorable impression upon our Eastern sisters, thereby gaining recognition for our younger Department.

After numerous visits to silk counters and banner manufacturers, and also a peep into our treasury, and any number of lively discussions with the head of this administration, who talked economy, while your Chairman protested for appearances, we finally decided for several significant reasons, which you Mrs. President will remember, to make the old one serve, with the several amendments you see before you, at a nominal cost.

Badges were secured for our several Delegates, at a cost of \$5.70, and only the day preceeding the start to Boston, a demand came for more badges, and we decided

to provide twenty (20) additional, though plainer ones, at a cost of \$4.65, making a total for badges \$10.35.

Your Committee also lent what persuasive power they could command in securing patronage for the W. R. C. official train thereby arranging for free transportation for as many Delegates as possible.

The one great regret was in not being permitted to add more style and dignity to the official train, thereby bringing recognition to the fact that the W. R. C. of Colorado were alive, and traveling toward the Mecca of their aspirations.

The next occasion on which your Committee were commanded to report, was when one of our Sister Corps grew weak and felt they were likely to faint by the wayside. We accompanied our President to scene of distress, and by dint of encouragement and loving words, revived both courage and life and prosperity now perches upon their banner; also in obedience to request your Committee waited upon two of the Posts of the city, to ascertain if they would not like a helpmeet in the way of a Corps. In one instance a Sister knew the President of M. M. Crocker Corps getting exceedingly anxious for an Auxiliary to that Post, outdone your Committee by getting in ahead with the work, and has now a fine Corps of which she can be justly proud.

In the case of Reno Post your Committee was treated with the utmost cordiality and courtesy, and informed me that they would consider the subject, and advise me later as to their decision. I herein enclose their reply, embracing Preamble and Resolutions, and while the outlook at present is not as encouraging as one could wish, yet we may feel hopeful that in the near future we may welcome a Corps Auxiliary to Reno Post. Thus ends the work of your Committee.

In conclusion, Mrs. President, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the kind consideration and courtesy extended to the members of your Committee during our official intercourse, and hope it will be to you, as to us, a very pleasant memory in the years to come.

And now, Mrs. President, I beg your permission to address this Convention on a subject of importance to us all.



*Officers and Ladies:*

I wish to call your attention to some facts, which, as Chairman of Executive Board, I have gained during the past year, and would communicate to you all.

It is but just to our Department President that we acknowledge the faithfulness with which she has discharged her several duties during her term of office.

We have had a prosperous year and you will acknowledge that it is "not what we earn, but what we save," that fills the Treasury. It is of this I would now speak. As your past Treasurer, I gained some insight in regard to the expenses of our Department and its requirements. In the double capacity of Chairman of Executive Board and Auditing Committee, I have had more opportunity for knowledge this year than before, and must confess that I am amazed at the amount of work accomplished and the little money expended. In the first place a saving of \$65.00 to \$70.00 was gained by our President establishing headquarters at her own house.

In going to the National Convention, and many official visits, free transportation has been secured, and personal expenses, I surmise, have been borne by herself; in fact, when we take the Treasurer's report, that her traveling expenses for the year were only \$42.65, we must imagine that her own pocket has suffered. This shows her interest in our financial prosperity, and I would most earnestly recommend that we, as sisters and co-workers, tender her our warmest appreciation of her untiring efforts in behalf of our organization.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MARY J. HANDYSIDE,  
*Chairman of Executive Board,  
Department Colorado and Wyoming.*

Moved by Mrs. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Cheeseman, that the report be adopted. Carried

The report of the Committee on the Counselor's report was read by Mrs. Sadie M. Fisher as follows:

*Mrs. President and Ladies of the Seventh Annual Convention of Colorado and Wyoming now in session.*

We, the Committee appointed to examine the report

of the Counselor, have carefully done so and heartily agree with the same.

SADIE M. FISHER,  
MARIA D. WOLCOTT,  
SALOME JONES,  
RUTH MCGILL.

Moved by Mrs. Dwinell, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge, that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Committee on the report of the Chairman of the Home Board was read by Mrs. Adelia Macauley as follows:

*We submit the following to the President of this Seventh Convention:*

We heartily endorse the report for being condensed and concise, also for the faithfulness and interest that she has manifested in her work during her term of office.

A. C. MACAULEY,  
L. B. LANGDELL,  
H. HAMERSLAG,  
ALICE T. SMITH.

Moved by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Condit, that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Fraternally Greetings, reported that they were received royally and their report was ordered spread upon the minutes of the G. A. R. Convention.

The Department Secretary moved that the per capita tax be lowered to fifteen cents, and that to include the Secretary and Treasurer's salaries; second by Mrs. Steele. Carried.

The report of the Committee on the report of the Delegate at Large was read by Mrs. M. Berwick Anderson as follows:

*Mrs. President and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of Delegate at Large has examined the same and found it correct. It is written in a neat, concise manner, showing the writer to be thoroughly acquainted with the duties of her

office, and feel proud to report and most heartily recommend its adoption.

M. BERWICK ANDERSON,  
CLARA WHITNEY,  
HANNAH B. WILSON,  
MATILDA HOFFMAN,  
MARY A. ELDRIDGE.

Moved by Mrs. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Todd, that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Peabody, seconded by the whole Convention, that we adjourn as it was long past supper time. Carried.



## MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order on Wednesday A. M., at 9:45, and opened with singing, followed by prayer by Department Chaplain.

The Conductors took up the password and the Convention opened for business.

Roll of Convention called and 76 officers and members responded present.

The minutes of the last session read and approved.

Guard announced that Comrade Lennon was in the ante-room waiting to be received by the Convention. The President asked the Conductors to escort him in.

He was received by the Convention and stated his views in regard to the Soldiers' Home, after which he retired.

Moved by Department Treasurer, Ida De Lange, seconded by Mrs. Steele, that the proceedings of this Convention be printed.

Remarks were made by Madames Carr, Condit, Steele, McGill, Kennedy, Telford, Ingersoll, and De Lange. The motion was carried.

Moved by Mrs. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Calvert, that five hundred copies be printed. Carried.

The President now declared that the election of officers for the ensuing year was in order, and appointed Mrs. McGill of Farragut, Mrs. Jones of Veteran, and Mrs. Smidle of Meade, tellers.

Nominations were made for Department President. Mrs. America Anderson was nominated by Mrs. M. Berwick Anderson, Mrs. Alice T. Smith seconded the nomination.

Mrs. America Anderson declined, expressing her thanks for the compliment.

Mrs. Smidle nominated Mrs. Howard of Greeley, Mrs. Calvert seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Burwick Anderson was nominated by Mrs. Dodge of Boulder, and Mrs. Steele seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Anderson declined, thanking the ladies for the compliment.

Mrs. Telford nominated Mrs. Olive Hogle and Mrs. Jones seconded the nomination.

The President declared the nominations closed.

Moved by Mrs. Fisher seconded by Mrs. Sanford that the Roll of Convention be called again to be sure of the number of voting members. Carried.

Roll called, resulting in seventy-six voting members present.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Dunagan that a register be bought for the next Convention, so that late comers can know the whereabouts of friends.

Tellers announced the whole number votes cast 76, Mrs. Howard receiving 52 and Mrs. Hogle 24. Mrs. Howard was declared elected.

Mrs. Hogle moved that her election be made unanimous, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy. Carried.

Nominations were now in order for Senior Vice-President. Mrs. Berwick Anderson was nominated by Mrs. Eldridge, but declined.

Mrs. Calvert nominated Mrs. Carr of Longmont, seconded by Mrs. Peabody.

Moved by Mrs. Kennedy seconded by Mrs. Hogle that the nominations be closed. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sanford seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Carr. Carried. The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Carr was declared elected.

Nominations were now in order for Junior Vice-President. Mrs. Whist nominated Mrs. Searl of Leadville, seconded by Mrs. Hoffman.

Mrs. Sanford nominated Mrs. Cooper of Lamar, seconded by Mrs. Gould.

Mrs. Calvert nominated Mrs. Smith of Salida, seconded by Mrs. Seivert.

Mrs. Anderson nominated Mrs. Dodge of Boulder, seconded by Mrs. Whitney.

The President declared the nominations closed.

The matter of closing the Soldiers Home was now taken up for discussion.

Remarks for and against was made by Madames Sanford, Collins, Phillips, McGill, Carpenter, Whist, Eldridge, Farrar, Peabody, Langdale, Langmayer, Powell, Smith, Calvert and Kennedy.

Tellers announced whole number of votes cast 71, Mrs. Cooper 23, Mrs. Smith 24, Mrs. Searl 8 and Mrs. Dodge 16.

There being no election the Tellers distributed ballots for another vote for three highest.

Tellers retired after collecting the votes and the discussion continued in regard to the Soldier's Home, resulting in a motion by Mrs. De Lange, that the Home be closed as soon as practicable, seconded by Mrs. Calvert. Carried.

Tellers announced whole number of votes cast 73; Mrs. Cooper received 29, Mrs. Smith 31, Mrs. Dodge 13.

There being no election the Tellers distributed ballots for another vote on the two highest.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Climena G. Howard, as follows:

*America Anderson, Department President W. R. C. for Colorado and Wyoming:*

Your Committee appointed on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the members of this Seventh Department Convention, in Manitou Springs assembled, extend most heartfelt thanks to the railroad officials for reduction from the usual rates of travel.

*Resolved*, That to our Comrade, the Mayor of Manitou Springs, our sincere thanks are due and are hereby extended, for his cordial welcome to us, and for the freedom of this delightful city. Thanks are also extended to the citizens of Manitou, Colorado Springs and Colorado City for courtesies extended, and for the example of patriotism expressed in the tasteful decorations on every hand.



*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention extend warmest thanks to the ladies of Pikes Peak Corps, Colorado City Corps and Colorado Springs Corps and Comrades of the Posts for the generous courtesies accorded them.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

CLIMENA G. HOWARD,  
MARY JEWETT TELFORD,  
KATIE C. KENNEDY.

Moved by Mrs. De Lange, seconded by Mrs. Hogle, that they be adopted as a whole. Carried.

Tellers announced whole numbers of votes cast 68; Mrs. Cooper receiving 30, Mrs. Smith 38.

Mrs. Cooper moved to make the election of Mrs. Smith unanimous, seconded by Mrs. Calvert. Carried.

Some discussion was started in regard to adjourning, but it was stated by the Department President that the election could be finished and we would then be treated to a carriage drive in the afternoon.

Moved by Mrs. Hogle, seconded by Mrs. Cheeseman, to continue the election to the close. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Telford, seconded by Mrs. Hogle, that the incoming administration pay for the telegraphic dispatches and extra carriage hire for this Convention. Carried.

Mrs. Condit stated that the Kansas Convention was now in session in Hutchinson and moved that a telegram be sent from this Department in greeting; Mrs. Berwick Anderson seconded the motion; carried and left to the Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Greetings, Mrs. Peabody.

The Department President asked the voice of the Convention in regard to the new rituals.

Moved by Mrs. Dwinell, seconded by Mrs. Sanford, that this Convention endorse it.

Nominations were now in order for Treasurer.

Mrs. Calvert nominated Mrs. De Lange, but she declined.

Mrs. De Lange nominated Mrs. Hotchkiss of Greeley, seconded by Mrs. Hogle.

President declared the nominations closed.

Mrs. Steele moved and Mrs. Cheeseman seconded the motion that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Hotchkiss. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Hotchkiss was declared elected.

Nominations were now in order for Chaplain.

Mrs. Sanford nominated Mrs. Whist, but she declined.

Mrs. Whist nominated Mrs. Thornton, President of Pike's Peak Corps at Manitou, Mrs. Calvert seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Thornton was presented to the Convention and unanimously elected.

The discussion in regard to the Ritual was continued and seemed to meet with general approval, with the exception of the clause regarding giving up the badges.

Guard announced Comrade Lennon in waiting; as the Convention still had considerable business to attend to, the President appointed Madames Hogle, Telford and Condit a Committee to visit Comrade Lennon in the ante-room.

The Committee returned and reported to the Convention that arrangements had been made to take the soldiers from the Home at Golden.

Nominations were now in order for Executive Board.

Mrs. Sanford nominated Mrs. Ida L. Phillips, but she declined.

Mrs. Ingersoll nominated Mrs. Barron of Laramie, Mrs. Calvert seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Telford nominated Mrs. Kinsie, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Carpenter nominated Mrs. Essington, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Tellers announced the result of the ballot: Whole number of votes cast 61; Mrs. Barron received 45 votes, Mrs. Kinsie received 8 and Mrs. Essington 8. Mrs. Barron was declared elected.

Moved by Mrs. Dwinell, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter, that this Convention endorse the Ritual. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Telford, seconded by the whole Convention, that this Convention ask the National Convention to annul the decision in regard to owning their past officer's badges and allow members to buy and own their badges. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Berwick Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Steele, that Mrs. Dodge of Boulder be the second member of the Executive Board.

Moved by Mrs. Condit, seconded by Mrs. Dunagan, that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Dodge. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Dodge was declared elected.

Moved by Mrs. Hogle, seconded by Mrs. Calvert, that we hold Installation in this hall, pending an invitation from the G. A. R. to unite with them. Carried.

Mrs. Calvert nominated Mrs. Dresser of Greeley, as the third member of the Board, seconded by Mrs. Hogle.

Mrs. De Lange moved, seconded by Mrs. Smidle, that the Secretary cast the ballot. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Dresser was declared elected.

Mrs. Farrar nominated Mrs. Dwinell as fourth member of the Board, Mrs. Jones seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Jones seconded the motion that the Secretary cast the ballot. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Dwinell was declared elected.

Mrs. Hotchkiss nominated Mrs. Davis of Tie Siding, Wyo., as the fifth member of the Board, seconded by the Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Cheeseman, seconded by Mrs. Ingersoll, that the Secretary cast the ballot. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Davis was declared elected.

Nominations were now in order for Delegate at Large.

Mrs. Steele nominated Mrs. Calvert, seconded by Mrs. Peabody.

Mrs. Fisher nominated Mrs. Hale of Cheyenne, seconded by Mrs. Cheeseman.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot: Whole number of votes cast 56; Mrs. Calvert receiving 24 and Mrs. Hale 32; Mrs. Hale was declared elected.

Nominations were in order for Delegate.

Mrs. Berwick Anderson nominated Mrs. Calvert, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Jones nominated Mrs. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Telford.



The tellers announced that the whole number of votes cast was 47; Mrs. McGill received 17 votes and Mrs. Calvert 30 votes; Mrs. Calvert was declared elected.

Nominations were now in order for Alternates.

Mrs. Steele nominated Mrs. Smidle of Denver, as first Alternate, the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Searl.

There being no other nominations, Mrs. Smidle was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Dunigan nominated Mrs. Hamilton of Denver, seconded by Mrs. Peabody.

There being no other nomination, Mrs. Hamilton was unanimously elected as second Alternate.

The minutes of the session were read and approved and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Among the pleasant things arranged for the ladies attending the Convention was a carriage drive through the famous "Garden of the God's" to "Rainbow Falls," and to the "Iron Springs" to drink of the water of life. To say that all enjoyed it is to express it but feebly.

A great deal of credit is due the Corps at Manitou, Colorado City and Colorado Springs for all the pleasure they afforded the Convention. They were organized only last year, and as hostesses they are a success as well as Corps.

The illness of Mrs. Mary Sears McHenry, National President, in Denver, prevented her and Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton, National Secretary, from getting to Manitou until after the Convention had closed, very much to the regret of all, but they had the carriage ride and at the request of Mayor Leddy of Manitou Springs, the National President, National Secretary and some of the retiring Department Officers, and some of the newly elected ones (all of the Department Officers were invited but some failed to appear at the proper time), had their pictures taken standing under a beautiful evergreen arch over the street, erected in honor of the G. A. R.

In the evening the newly elected Department Officers had the pleasure of being installed by the National President and National Secretary. The Installation was public and was held in the Wheeler Hall. After the National President Installed the Officers, Mrs. Howard, the newly Installed Department President, made some very fitting remarks. She invited Mrs. McHenry to address the meeting. The National President gave a brief epitome of the work of the W. R. C., stating that every state but one and every territory had W. R. C. workers, besides a large prosperous Corps in Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. Sarah E. Calvert then stepped forward and said: "Those of us who were so fortunate as to be born and raised in America, are very proud of it, and those who were not born here are very glad to get here, so we, as W. R. C. ladies, are proud of "America." No Department President of Colorado and Wyoming has left such a glorious record back of her. She added twelve new Corps with a membership of 300 to our Department. We are told that there is a time for everything; a time to laugh, a time to cry, a time to be sad, a time to be glad, and this is the time to present America Anderson with a watch and chain on behalf of the ladies of the Convention, as a token of the appreciation for the noble work done by you for the past year, and may it ever be a reminder of this Convention and pleasant memory to time your life by."

Mrs. Anderson accepted the gift and said: "For once in my life I am confused; I can only say I thank you a thousand times."

At the close of the Installation we were invited to the Barker House to be serenaded by the band and to meet the National President and the National Secretary for a short time. All seemed to enjoy the meeting, renewing old friendships and forming new ones in F., C. & L.



## GENERAL ORDERS.

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HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLORADO, April 21, 1890.

### GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

I. In assuming the office of President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department Colorado and Wyoming, I am deeply impressed with the importance of the great work before us, and while I feel grateful for the confidence reposed in me, I trust that with the cheerful co-operation of each member in the Department the good work will be carried on with unabated vigor, and that we may all be guided by our grand motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

II. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Department President—America Anderson, Denver.

Department Senior Vice President—M. Berwick Anderson, Boulder.

Department Junior Vice-President—Mary Eldridge, Golden.

Chaplain—America Whist, Denver.

Department Treasurer—Ida De Lange, Denver.

Executive Board—Mary J. Handyside, Denver; Mary E. Mann, Golden; Jennie G. Harper, Greeley; Emma Plummer, Idaho Springs; Annie A. Rickabaugh, Pueblo.

Delegate-at-Large—Josephine A. Cheeseman, Greeley.

Alternate-at-Large—Miss Cunningham, Golden.

Delegate—Lettie L. Kessler, Denver.

Alternate—Lucy Langdell, Idaho Springs.

The following appointments are announced:—  
Department Secretary—Delle Kelsay, 611 South 11th,  
Denver.

Department Inspector—Ida Phillips, Breckenridge.  
Counselor—Clemina Howard, Greeley.  
Chief I. & I. Officer—Mary E. Ingersoll, Laramie,  
Wyo.

Having been dully installed they will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

The following named members are announced as the Committee on Department Relief Work—Lucy Capron, Denver; Katie C. Kennedy, Denver; Emma Smidle, Denver.

Board of Managers Temporary Soldier's Home or House of Reception, in Golden—Frances I. Klock, Denver; Mary A. Eldridge, Golden; Janette Todd, Denver; Savilla Guy, Denver; Mary A. Ingersoll, Denver; Emily Meredith, Denver.

The following members are hereby appointed Aids to the Department President, and it is hoped that each one will use her best endeavors to help on our good work:

Harriett A. Todd, Silver Cliff.  
Camilla Smith, Leadville.  
Hattie E. Cowhick, Cheyenne, Wyo.  
Eugene Olney, Gunnison.  
Madora Smith, Grand Junction.  
Amanda Felch, Canon City.  
Gwendolen Powell, Aspen.  
Ida Roosa, Trinidad.  
Laura A. Thompson, Glenwood Springs.  
Anna McFie, Evans.  
Carrie E. Phillips, Georgetown.  
Lucy N. McIntyre, Fort Collins.  
Dora D. Adams, Sheridan, Wyo.  
Rosella A. Goodrich, Red Cliff.  
Carrie Hartsock Powell.  
Ella B. Billow, Lamar.  
Hattie M. Monroe, Loveland.

III. The Comrades of the G. A. R. have continued the appropriation as made last year for the temporary Soldiers' Home at Golden, thereby showing their confi-

dence in the W. R. C. and their appreciation of the noble work we are doing.

IV. Each Corps is requested to continue their monthly contribution towards carrying on the temporary Home.

V. All moneys must be forwarded to the Department Treasurer, Ida De Lange, 765 South Water Street, Denver, to whom also all orders for supplies must be sent with the money therefor and postage for return charges.

VI. The attention of Corps Presidents is especially called to the necessity of seeing that the reports of her Secretary and Treasurer are properly made out and promptly forwarded to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting in each quarter.

VII. The Convention just closed was one of unprecedented interest to the Order, as it was honored by the presence of some of the most distinguished men and women of our land. Mrs. Anna Whittenmeyer, who stands at the head of our organization, and who is revered and loved by all the loyal everywhere, did us the honor of installing the officers of the Department, assisted by the National Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Manchester of Nebraska. General Alger, the distinguished National Commander, accompanied by Mrs. John A. Logan, who is idolized by the Boys in Blue, visited the Convention and by their words and presence encouraged us in our work of love.

VIII. The decisions of the Sixth Annual Convention will be promulgated in a subsequent order.

IX. Headquarters are located at 1311 South 10th Street, where the Executive Officers will meet for the transaction of business on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, 2 to 5 of each week.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,

*Department President.*

DELLE KELSAY,

*Department Secretary.*



HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., May 6, 1890.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

The cycle of time brings again Memorial Day, around which shines a halo, radiant, pure and resplendent in sacred beauty—a day in which we bow in humble reverence as, with tender loving hands, we place earth's fairest flowers upon the graves of those who died for the saving of the Nation—a day when our holy mission calls us to assist the Grand Army in commemorating the brave deeds of the fallen, and in paying that tribute of respect that every Nation owes to its defenders.

Since last Memorial Day very many of the Comrades have answered the last roll-call, have been summoned to take their places in the fast extending line now forming on the other shore, and as the death rate will increase with each recurring year, let us care for the living, suffering and needy Comrades whose wearied forms are so rapidly nearing the grave. We should regard them with affectionate veneration and withhold not our hands when they need assistance.

THE UNKNOWN DEAD.

Let us not forget that to-day the plumed palmetto nods in tropical splendor over the decayed forms of many thousands of our country's defenders, whose bodies lie in graves unknown, and while we cannot decorate their graves, we can erect in almost every cemetery a monument or mound and crown it with beautiful flowers, in honor of, and

TO THE MEMORY OF THE UNKNOWN DEAD.

This kind tributes of love are due from us, and their annual observance will tend to inculcate a spirit of loyalty

and patriotism in the hearts of the rising generation as they realize that such cherished memories brighten with advancing years.

Corps will render such assistance as may be desired by the Posts to which they are auxiliary, in proper observance of Memorial Day.

Corps Presidents will see that their Chaplains prepare a full report of Memorial Day exercises on proper blanks and forward without delay to America Whist, Department Chaplain, in care of these Headquarters.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

DELLE KELSAY,  
*Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING.  
W. R. C. AUXILIARY TO G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., July 29, 1890.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

I. The Eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., August 12th to 15th, 1890.

II. The official train of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming W. R. C., will leave Denver Thursday, August 7, at 9:30 P. M., by the following route:

Denver to Peoria, over the C. B. & Q.; thence to Niagara Falls, over the Big Four lines, via. Danville, Ill., Indianapolis, Cleveland, Lake Shore road to Buffalo. From Niagara Falls to Racine, Watertown, Ogdensburg to Clayton; thence down St. Lawrence River by steamer to Montreal; thence to Boston over Vermont Central.

Persons who desire can go direct from Buffalo over New York Central to Albany, and B. & A. to Boston.

A stop of four hours will be made at Niagara Falls, giving ample time to view this wonderful work of Nature.

The route is a pleasant one, and as it passes through the central portion of Illinois and Indiana, will take many near their former home, which can be visited at slight expense. The ride down the St. Lawrence river and through and among the "Thousand Islands" on a palatial steamer will be a rare treat, and will rest us from the fatigue of the long car ride and enable us to enter Boston feeling refreshed.

III. All members of the W. R. C., their friends and the outside public wishing to avail themselves of the advantages of this route can join the Official Train at Denver at the time named. The rate for round trip at this writing is



\$48.20, and all cuts will be met. Double sleeping berth each way \$11.00.

IV. The Department Headquarters of Colorado and Wyoming at Boston will be at Barnard Memorial Building No. 10 Warrenton Street, where all Comrades of the G. A. R., members of the W. R. C., Sons and Daughters of Veterans and friends are welcome.

Persons desirous of joining our party will please notify these headquarters as soon as possible, so that accommodations can be secured.

While meals can be procured at reasonable rates on the route, a well filled lunch basket is recommended.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

DELLE KELSEY,  
*Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., September 15, 1890.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.

I. In compliance with Rules and Regulations, there will be a thorough Inspection of each Corps in the Department during the months of October and November. Corps will be inspected by the Department Inspector, Ida L. Phillips, or by such assistants as she may name.

II. Each Corps must exemplify the Ritual, and Corps Presidents must give the number of regular meetings held during the year, average attendance of officers and members, amount of relief work done by the Corps, and have all books ready for inspection.

Traveling expenses of the Inspecting officer will be paid by the Department, local expenses by the Corps being inspected. Due notice will be given to each Corps by the Department Inspector of the time of such inspection, which may be at regular or special meeting, and it is expected that each Corps will be ready for the inspection, and hoped that by its good work will merit a favorable report.

III. The annual election of Corps officers will be held at the first meeting in December. It is the duty of the Secretary to notify all members of this meeting. In selecting persons to fill the various offices, I would recommend that care be taken to select those who are interested in our good work, and competent to fill the position to which they are elected.

IV. The basis of representation to the Department Convention remains the same, one delegate and one alternate to every twenty members in good standing, September 30, 1890, and one additional for a fraction over ten. Each Corps is entitled to one delegate and one alternate no matter how small the membership.

V. As winter is approaching and the demand for relief work, in caring for the needy veterans at the temporary home at Golden, increasing, it will be necessary that each Corps do something for their maintainance, and send in their contributions promptly. While these contributions are entirely voluntary, the Soldiers' Home Board would be glad to receive something from every Corps in the Department. Send remittances to Department Treasurer, Ida De Lange, 765 South Water Street, Denver.

VI. The editor of the Rocky Mountain Herald, which is the official organ of the G. A. R. of this Department, has kindly tendered one column of his paper to the W. R. C. This W. R. C. column will be edited by our able Department Correspondent, Mrs. Sarah E. Calvert, and will be filled each week with matter of interest pertaining to our work throughout the Department. I would suggest that each Corps take one copy of the paper, and that the W. R. C. column be read under the rule "Good of the Order." Items of interest from any Corps will receive due attention and be thankfully received by Mrs. Calvert.

VII. Corps Presidents are again urged to be prompt in making out and forwarding their quarterly reports.

VIII. By decision of the Sixth Annual Department Convention, one cent and a half of the per capita tax is transferred to the Department Relief Fund.

IX. The Department President takes great pleasure in stating that the work is prospering throughout the Department, and that seven new Corps have been instituted since the last Department Convention, as follows:

McPherson Corps No. 32, Longmont, Colo.

Chester A. Arthur No. 33, Sundance, Wyo.

Kilpatrick No. 34, La Junta, Colo.

Geo. Crook No. 35, Tie Siding, Wyo.

Akron No. 36, Akron, Colo.

Ed. M. Stanton No. 37, Salida, Colo.

Colorado Springs No. 4, Colorado Springs, Colo.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

DELLE KELSAY,  
*Department Secretary.*



HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C. AUXILIARY TO G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., November 18, 1890.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

I. The annual election of officers in the Corps of this Department will take place at the first regular meeting in December, and each member in good standing shall be notified of said election.

II. The election of delegates and alternates to the Department Convention to be held at Manitou Springs, occurs at the same meeting.

One Delegate and Alternate for every 20 members, and one for a fraction over half that number. Each Corps is entitled to one Delegate regardless of numbers.

III. Presidents will find instructions governing election of officers in page 5 in service book.

IV. After the first regular meeting in January or at a special meeting called for that purpose during the month, Installation must occur.

For Installations of officers see Installation service in service book, page 7.

V. Newly elected officers desiring an installing officer other than a member of their Corps, should immediately notify the Department Secretary of their selection and the Department President will detail said officer. All expenses incurred by the Installing Officer will be borne by the Corps.

VI. Reports of Installation shall be forwarded to the Department Secretary, also a copy to Mary E. Ingersoll, Department I. and I. officer, stating whether Installation was public or private or jointly with Post.

The Department President recommends public Installation with Post where agreeable.

VII. Corps are urgently requested to make out quarterly reports at the last meeting in the quarter and forward them at once to the Department Secretary, Sarah E. Calvert, 930 South 8th Street, Denver, Colorado. Send in with per capita tax.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

SARAH E. CALVERT,  
*Department Secretary,*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., March 30, 1891.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 6.

I. The Seventh Annual Convention of the W. R. C., Department of Colorado and Wyoming, will be held at Manitou Springs, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28th and 29th, 1891, in K. of P. Hall.

II. The Department Headquarters will be located at Sunny Side House. The Council of Administration is hereby called to meet at Headquarters at 7:30 P. M., April 27.

III. The Convention will convene at 9:30 A. M., April 28th, when it is expected that every delegate will be present and attend strictly to business.

IV. Corps Presidents, or their Secretaries, will notify the Department Secretary of any change that may have been made in their delegation.

V. Circular letter from the G. A. R. Committee at Manitou Springs, gives hotel rates as follows: Barker House, \$2.50 per day; Cliff House, \$2.50 per day; Sunny Side House, \$2.00 per day; Mineral Springs, \$2.00 per day; Norris House, \$1.50 per day; Revier House, \$1.50 per day. Furnished rooms can be had—two in a room—for \$1.00 per day; and meals will be furnished at restaurants at 35 cents per meal, or three meals for \$1.00. The above are special rates to the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Members desiring to secure rooms in advance, can do so by addressing any of the following named persons, at Manitou Springs, who compose the Committee on Entertainment: Mrs. Christina Thornton, Mrs. C. W. Barker and Mrs. Weills. Members desiring furnished rooms will report, on arrival, at K. of P. Hall.



Reduced rates are also given on all Colorado railroads.

VI. For the benefit of each Corps, it is hoped that their delegates will attend the Convention and I would suggest that Corps assist their delegates in defraying necessary expenses.

VII. Members of the Order who are not delegates, are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Convention, and all delegates or visitors must be in possession of the pass word to gain admittance. It is also urged that all members wear the badge of the Order during Convention.

VIII. Corps not having sent their election returns, must do so at once, in order that the Department Secretary may complete the Roster, and the Department I. and I. Officer make out her report.

IX. All Department Officers, Chairman of Home Board, and Chairman of Auditing Committee are expected to make written reports of their work.

X. The last National Convention abolished the use of credential cards, therefore the "Roll" of Convention will be made from the election returns.

XI. The following additional aids have been appointed on the Staff of the Department President: Ella L. C. Dwinell, President Colorado Springs Corps; Fredericka Langmeyer, President Colorado City Corps; Christina Thornton, President Pike's Peak Corps.

XII. The following new Corps have been instituted since last General Order; M. M. Crocker No. 40, Dorcas Hasen, President, North Denver; Phil. Sheridan No. 41, Martha L. Daniels, President, Buena Vista, Colo.

XIII. The official train will leave Denver, over the D. & R. G., at 1:20 P. M., Monday, April 27th.

XIV. In this my last General Order, I desire to thank the Corps Presidents and Members for their ready assistance, uniform kindness, and fraternal courtesies extended to me, and in turning the leaves of memory, I find that I owe much of the prosperity of the year to these faithful and efficient workers. Let all, who can, attend this the closing meeting of the year, and as we come together let us bear in our hearts that fraternal feeling which should bind us to-

gether as sisters, and may all our actions be guided by such a spirit of justice and charity that harmony and wisdom may characterize all our deliberations.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

SARAH E. CALVERT,  
*Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C.

DENVER, COLO., June 3, 1890.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1.

In sending out blanks for quarterly reports, attention of Corps Presidents is called to General Order No. 2, of 1888, establishing a Roll of Honor for all Corps forwarding correct reports of both Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 5th day after the close of the quarter. Quarterly reports should be made out at the last meeting of the quarter and forwarded to the Department Secretary with Post Office Order for amount of per capita tax made payable to the Department Treasurer, Mrs. Ida De Lange. The report must be forwarded to the Department Secretary, Delle Kelsay, at Department Headquarters, 1311 South 10th Street, Denver, Colorado.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department Treasurer.*

DELLE KELSAY,  
*Department Secretary.*



HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING.  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., June 14, 1890.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 2.

In order that an approximate report of the number that will attend the National Convention at Boston, August next, from this Department, can be made at an early date, it is desired that the Presidents of each Corps send the name of members who contemplate attending the convention, to the Department Secretary as soon as possible. Later on a general order will be issued, giving location of Department Headquarters at Boston, railroad rates, time of departure and such other matter as will be of interest to those desiring to attend.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,

*Department President Colorado and Wyoming.*

DELLE KELSEY,

*Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., 1311 South 10th St.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 3.

Having just received General Order No. 5, National Headquarters, requiring Departments to send in their consolidated reports ten days earlier than usual, it is therefore urged upon Corps Presidents to be prompt in the matter and see that their quarterly reports with the per capita tax are sent to the Department Secretary on or before July 1, as this is the close of the year with National officers, and as by this report the status of Colorado and Wyoming will be rated, so all members of the Department will be equally interested in a good report. Let no Corps lower our standard by failing to comply, and by tardiness cause the Corps to be left out of the consolidated report sent from these Headquarters.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

DELLE KELSAY,  
*Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C.

DENVER, COLO., July 14, 1890.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 4.

The assessment of your Corps for salary of Secretary and Treasurer of Department for the quarter just closed is due.

I trust that your Corps will respond cheerfully and promptly to this call, as the Secretary and Treasurer well earn the small salary allowed them by the Convention.

I have appointed Sarah C. Calvert Department Correspondent for *National Tribune*, *Rocky Mountain Herald* and other papers.

If each Corps President will appoint some one to furnish items of interest concerning Corps and forward the same to Sarah C. Calvert, Opera House Block, they will receive attention. Have communications sent monthly or oftener.

Route and rate to Boston not yet arranged; will notify as soon as settled.

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*



HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., August 2, 1890.

CIRCULAR NO. 5.

Word had just been received from the railroad officials, stating, that in order to connect with steamer on St. Lawrence river, must leave Denver on the 6th instead of the 7th, as announced in General Order No. 3. Therefore the official train of the W. R. C. will leave Denver, Wednesday, August 6, at 9:30 P. M., on the Burlington Flyer. This change gives us from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. at Niagara Falls.

We also have privilege of returning over B. & M., North Conway, Maine Central, O. & L. C., Central Vermont, Rouse Point, R. W. & O. to Niagara Falls, and from there back by same route as going.

Our route going is over Burlington to Peoria, Big Four to Niagara Falls via Indianapolis, Cleveland, Buffalo; thence to Clayton, where we take steamer and run down St. Lawrence river to Montreal, Vermont Central to Boston, where we arrive at 9:30 A. M., Monday. Fare as low as by any other route and open to all.

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

DELLE KELSAY,  
*Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., November 10, 1890.

CIRCULAR No. 6.

*President Corps No. —, Department Colorado and Wyoming:*

Sarah E. Calvert has been appointed and installed Department Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Delle Kelsay.

The assessment for Secretary and Treasurer's salary for past quarter, is three cents per member.

Department Headquarters have been changed to No. 12 La Veta Place, where all communications for these headquarters will be addressed.

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., February 9, 1891.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 7.

I. Headquarters have been changed back to old No.,  
1311 South 10th Street; note the change.

II. Corps Presidents will send at once the names of  
members who have died during the year, giving date of  
death and sending proper remarks.

III. Your assessment for Secretary and Treasurer's  
salary for last year, in 1890, and first quarter in 1891, is  
three cents per member, or a cent and a-half for each  
quarter.

Please send at once as the year is drawing to a close.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

SARAH E. CALVERT,  
*Department Secretary.*



HEADQUARTERS DEP'T COLORADO AND WYOMING,  
W. R. C., AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

DENVER, COLO., 1311 South 10th St.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 8.

I. Corps requiring supplies must order them during March, so the Treasurer's books will be closed April 1st and remain closed until after Convention.

II. Corps intending to contribute to the Home Board Fund are requested to send in the amount by April 5th, as we desire to pay all Home bills before Department Convention.

III. Corps Presidents will remember that they are responsible for any delay in forwarding reports. Reports must be in by April 5th. Delayed reports seriously effect the standing of the Corps.

By command of

AMERICA ANDERSON,  
*Department President.*

SARAH E. CALVERT,  
*Department Secretary.*

















